CANBERRA YACHT CLUB

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SAILING ADVICE - 15 January 1996

TONIGHT - On deck BBQ - Last orders 8.45pm.

CANCELLATION OF EVENT - 27 January 1997, Proposed Regatta is Cancelled

NEXT RACE - Sunsail Pointscore Sunday 19 January 1997

PRIZES

Are CYC members aware that they are eligible for a free entry in the draw to win a $55,000 Holden Statesman, to be drawn on Sunday 30 March. You are eligible for an entry every day you enter the club all you have to do is show your CYC membership card at the bar, sign the sheet, fill in the ticket and drop it in the box on the bar. Other conditions are contained in the publicity material in the Club. For non members why not join Ordinary membership $30 to end of May Social only $10.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

As from 15 January 1997 the sailing instructions for Sunsail Twilight races have been modified to allow for a different starting time for Catamarans. To allow for 3 starts we are going to a 3 minute starting sequence with the Catamarans off first followed by the trailer sailors then dinghies. Competitors were asked to advise me of their views and I have only received favourable comment. Initially implemented through an amendment to the sailing instructions and use of code flag 'L'. To facilitate the implementation of this could competitors in later starts please try to keep clear of boats from earlier starts until they have started. I have also included in the amendment previously agreed informal arrangements to overcome any possibility of confusion for new entrants. We are always able to provide special arrangements or try things out for classes or groups, all you have to do is discuss options or requests with me, at times I may require some convincing but we haven't knocked back anything reasonable to my knowledge.

NEW RULES

I currently anticipate we will be introducing the right of way rules of the 1997 - 2001 ISAF Rules of Racing from some time in February copies of the relevant parts will be made available to competitors before they are introduced. To facilitate this we are considering including a copy of the next 'Blue Book' in race entry fees for next season.

ANY VIEWS ON IMPROVING SAILING

As I noted in December I would greatly appreciate receiving any views and comments from competitors and non-competitors, members and non-members on how we could change our policies and practices to make sailing at the CYC and in Canberra more attractive. Some of the questions I need answers to relate to our method of rewarding sailors. Are bottles of Port to winners and by draw still appropriate, are glasses appropriate for Sunday sailing, would gift vouchers be more attractive, what should the

quanta of awards be to retain peoples interest. Do the types of courses we provide meet your needs. Should we be putting on an end of season regatta as well as the champion of champions race, what incentive would be needed to make a regatta successful. Any ideas at all on how we could make sailing more attractive and get more people on the water both racing and socially are needed.

Any comments and/or suggestions can be left in my box in the office or faxed to me on 286 7581, email jken@pcug.org.au. Or fax to the Club on 273 2984.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations are in order for Andre Webster who won the Contender National Championships in Adelaide in a very closely fought series in a strong highly competitive fleet. Congratulations to all the other competitors from Canberra who all put in good performances. It was particularly pleasing to see Daryl Roos doing so well, all the effort he put into practising certainly paid off.

AWAY EVENTS, RESULTS, DRAMAS

Could other classes, members, innocent bystanders please provide me with copies of their results and details of any other successes or dramas.

Our commiserations go out to George Snow sailing under the Canberra Yacht Club banner, CYC registered number 'C1' in the Sydney Hobart. Maybe next time. Our problems are small when one considers the cost of a mast on Brindabella.

REMINDERS, ODDS AND ENDS

If you want to see some exciting sailing come and watch the MAGIC 25's sail on 25 and 26 January in the Hyatt Hotel Magic 25 Regatta, also the ACT Trailable Yacht Championships are taking place, the YMCASC also have a pointscore race on the Saturday. The paddle wheeler Enterprise will be on show at the Club around lunchtime on 25th and possibly later in the afternoon on 26th.

Just a reminder, we are required to keep clear access to the Jetty and boats should not be left unattended or secured so they cannot be quickly removed. This is particularly important while sailing events are taking place. The only exception are rescue boats as they are there for emergency purposes. Could I therefore ask for your assistance in helping to keep the outer edge of the jetty clear and for there to be a clear access way to the jetty. Short term loading or unloading is of course allowed. I can only recall about three times when Ambulance access has been needed but when it is we do not have time to clear an access way or move any boats that are tied up.

Could I ask you all to show courtesy to the ferries, they do try to keep clear but if you get to close they may not be able to see you and if you sail in front of them or suddenly tack they can not stop that quickly and they are often restricted in their ability to manoeuvre.

John Kennedy
Rear Commodore (Sailing)

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Rear Commodore Sailing Report

The first half of the sailing season was very successful with good fl[redacted], with members achieving some good results in National Championships and several achieving eligibility to represent Australia in World Championships. Full details will be in the next Yachtsman. The expansion of fleets in both single handed classes, Lasers and Contenders, in Division 2 and a strong showing of local boats in the Flying Fifteen Nationals shows what can be achieved with hard working enthusiastic class representatives. I am also pleased by the consistent turn out on Wednesday nights with a consistent showing from the Catamarans and support from the YMCASC, ANU and ADFA. Many thanks are due to our sponsors - Sunsail - and I would ask all members to support them in Sydney and in the Whitsundays when seeking to charter a Yacht. Crews are reminded the CYC expects crews to become ordinary members (or junior, intermediate, family or country) rather than social members and you are required to be in order to be eligible for annual club trophies.

Pointscore winners from the first half of the season are:

Division 1 - David Kent - Castle 550 - Delta Lady

Di[redacted] - Tony Bird - Redwitch - Loveboat

Division 3 - Sue Youngman - Seafly - Anyway

Catamarans - Mike Dunn - Hobie 18 - Stringy Barque

Flying Fifteen - Peter Fullager - Sea Mist

Contender - Joe Roos - Overdraught

Fireball - Steve Quinn - Teddy Bears Picnic

Laser - George Meikle - In Phase

Mirror - Ellen Russell - Octupussy

John Kennedy



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Working Bee – 2 March 1996

0900 - 1100 hours

The CYC needs your support to:

- Construct shelving in the Petrol Shed
- Construct boat racks in the training room
- Test/repair the training fleet Sabots
- Move cupboards from the Sailing Room
- Weed/tidy the front garden area

Don't Drink & Sail

Drinking and sailing is potentially as dangerous as drinking and driving - and is a matter that is currently under attention by the ACT Water Police. Twilight racing in particular seems to have become an occasion when some crews race with a stubby in hand. This may have contributed to one incident in one of our January races, causing personal injury. Members are reminded of their responsibilities while sailing in a Club race - and that twilight races are subject to the rules and to conventions of reasonable behaviour as any other race.

Coaching

Friday night coaching conducted by the brilliant Rod Dalgleish is to recommence on and from 9 February 1996. Rod provides coaching and instruction from 5.30pm on and off the water. Improve your skills and knowledge by joining Rod each Friday.

~ Forthcoming Events ~

- 17 February: CCYA night race. Start 7.30pm
- 26 February: QGM
- 9/10 March: Marlay Point
- 16/17 March: Mirror Transom Trophy
- 18 March: Canberra Day regatta
- 21 April: Champion of Champions



ACT TRAILABLE YACHTS

On the Australia Day long weekend of 26-28 January the CCYA held its 18th ACT Trailable Yacht Championships. GIO Australia graciously agreed to be the major sponsor. Their input was reflected in the quality of the trophy style prizes, five prize packs and keen interest shown by their Branch Managers.

In all 41 boats entered with more than one third coming from interstate. Four races, including the standard night race, were conducted in unusually ideal LBG conditions. Complete results are available on the Notice Board.

Ross Wylde-Browne proved his dominance in Div. 1 despite challenges by Dieta Tietz and Martin Kilpatrick in their super-fast Corsair creations. Peter Taylor again demonstrated his skills by winning Div. 2, although hard-pressed by several competitive boats. Div. 3 was won by Warren and Peter Hellwig in their Cherry.

INTERNATIONAL FLYING FIFTEEN

The 34th Flying Fifteen Australian Championships were held in Canberra form 30th December 1995 to 6th January 1996 hosted by the Canberra Yacht Club. Twelve heats were contested, the idea being to have more but shorter races;. Some heats were sailed using a modified form of the new Olympic trapezoid configuration. Despite the fact that it was possible to follow the race schedule without the need for any resails, the wind conditions throughout the week were, on the whole, rather uniform with no consistent strength above about 12 - 15 knots and most of the time the wind was within the range of 5 - 10 knots. Twenty-eight boats were entered for the championships with representatives from Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria



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and one overseas entrant from Scotland. The local fleet included 16 Canberra boats and two from nearby Lake Jindabyne.
Craig and Ian Rainey, from Gippsland Lakes, won their first Flying 15 Nationals, with only one placing outside the first three (20.7 points), followed by Ian Cleaver and Ian Calder from Scotland, sailing Clapped Out Toy Boy, (30.1 points). Robert Signorini, from Royal Yacht Club of Victoria, was third and Bill Shand from Gippsland Lakes fourth.
Best placed ACT boats were Peter Forster, with Mick Roche as crew, in fifth place (94.7 points), followed by Peter and Phillip Russell in sixth place (124.7 points). Other creditable ACT performances were by Andrew Forster and Stuart Allen, sailing Allen Fordham's boat, Eight Ball, with 7th place overall, and our Rear Commodore (House), John Tracey, with Chris Parkinson as crew, sailing the borrowed Ian Hawke boat, Windsong, into 9th place overall and a win in the associated handicap series.

The Tactical Compass

another tool in the competitive sailors' bag

Rod Dalgleish has offered to teach the use of the tactical compass to those people who are interested in going faster around a course. Classes will be limited in number so please phone David Kent (W) 273 1784 (M) 018 118304 if interested. A date or dates for the clinic(s) will be determined upon interest.

~ Learn to sail a yacht ~

The AYF National Yacht Cruising Scheme (TL4) course will commence on 11 April 96. The course consists of nine weeks of theory plus three weekends on board a yacht for the practical sessions. An assessment both theoretical and practical will be required prior to the issue of a certificate for Competent Crew or Inshore Skipper. Enquiries to David Kent.

Honorary Life Member

The November Quarterly meeting agreed unanimously with a proposition put by the Executive that John Henty be recognised for his services to the CYC and to sailing activities generally in the ACT with the award of honorary life membership of the CYC. John has been a regular and successful competitor in Club races for some 25 years, with Brian Colman as his crew throughout those years. He has been a member of the Sailing Committee, a race official and safety boat driver, an AYF qualified instructor over many years and was often called upon to sit on protest committees. He is a former Commodore of the YMCA Sailing Club and for many of the earlier years, was a key link person between the ACT sailing clubs and the YA of NSW. John retired from the Sailing Committee last year but he continues to help out in a number of ways. We hope that John and Brian remain fit to race with the Club for many years yet.

Access 2.3 Dinghys

With the help of a grant from the ACT Bureau of Sport, Recreation and Racing, the sailing community in the ACT now has the use of three specially designed Access 2.3 dinghies for training and use by people with disabilities, especially those who are paraplegic. The package includes a simulator, or training module, that allows one of the dinghies to be 'sailed' on shore, facilitating the learning process for new sailors. The dinghies were officially handed over to Don McMichael, President of the YA of the ACT, in the presence of officials from both the CYC and the YMCASC, by the Minister, Bill Stefaniak, on 12 November 1995. The dinghies will be based at the YMCASC.
Members, or friends of members, with disabilities who are interested in learning to sail should speak with our Operations Manager, David Kent. CYC members should take the opportunity to see these dinghies in action. By the time members read this Newsflash, the inaugural Sailability National Championships will have been sailed on LBG on the weekend of 17/18 February, using Access 2.3 dinghies. The series was opened to anyone wishing to participate in an Access 2.3. dinghy.

~ The CYC's Facilities ~

- ***The Akarana Room*** - comfortably seats thirty people overlooking Lotus Bay.
- ***The Dorothy Norris Lounge*** - enjoy the relaxed and cosy atmosphere with friends.
- ***The Lotus Bay Lounge*** - features the CYC's famous bistro. Meals are provided between 12 noon to 2pm and 6pm to 9pm.
- ***The Waterfront Restaurant*** - for white table service that will truly delight.
- ***The Sailors Bar*** - for that special occasion for the young at heart.



Craig & Ian Rainey - Winners of the Flying 15 Nationals

Notice of Meeting ~ QGM - 26/2/96

Members are encouraged to attend the QGM at the Club on Monday 26 February at 8pm. One of the important items of business will be to elect a Rear Commodore (Training). The Executive exercised its discretion in December and appointed Michael Laydon to this position but the constitution requires the position to be filled, by election, at the next available QGM. Please show your support by attending.

INSTRUCTORS NEEDED

From time to time the club conducts Junior and Adult training courses. If you would like to be an instructor but your are not sure how to go about it, phone Michael Leydon (H) 286 5712 (W) 283 5999 for details. The CYC is always grateful for the support provided by the instructors - both in the quality of the support and in the time invested therein.

Junior Sailing on Sunday Mornings

Thirty five children ranging in ages from eight to fourteen have completed Junior learn to sail courses during the school holidays. The standard of the students was very high and this is demonstrated by their enthusiasm to continue sailing.
The CYC is making available Skyriders and Sabots for racing on a Sunday morning to those students who have successfully completed the course.
The success of each day will greatly depend on volunteer assistance, ie; the need to set buoys, start races, etc. Parents and club members are encouraged to attend to assist each Sunday.
Please phone David Kent (W)273 1784 (M) 018 118304 if you can invest some time in the future of sailing at your club.

YAACT

The YAACT has established a new organisational structure which includes a Racing Rules & Appeals Committee and a Training Committee. Applications will soon be sought from persons interested in being considered for appointment as Chair of these Committees. In each case, relevant qualifications and/or experience will be a key factor. Watch the Club Notice Board for further details.

Rostrum Club 2

Tony Matthews, who is a long time member of the CYC, has drawn attention to the fact the Rostrum meets at the CYC for one hour from 12.30pm on the last Wednesday of each month and on Mondays in the other weeks (except for public holidays). Rostrum Club 2 would be pleased to welcome CYC members as new members of their club. CYC members would also be welcome to attend as guests if they wish to find out more about Rostrum. Rostrum helps people become more proficient

- speaking
- participating in and chairing meetings
- meeting procedures
- the holding of offices

Rostrum is a participatory activity.

Any one interested should contact the President, Nick Blackaby on (H) 258 8902 or (W) 275 6506 or the Secretary, Diana Carroll on 295 8052.

Clean Up Day

Sunday 3rd March 1996

Members are invited to help in the annual Clean Up Day, as part of the National Clean Up Day Campaign ~ Let the club know if you intend to help.

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Enjoy the view from the Dorothy Norris Lounge
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The Sailor's Bar - specifically catering for the young at heart

WATERFRONT RESTAURANT

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Lunch 12-2pm Dinner 6-9pm

ENTREES

Soup of the Day & Bread Roll *$2.00*
Prawn Cutlets *$4.90*
Shrimp Cocktail *$4.90*
Avocado Viniagrette *$6.90*

OPEN SANDWICHES

Open - Leg Ham, Grain Mustard, Tomato, Cucumber & Lettuce *$5.90*
Open - Chicken, Mayonnaise, Asparagus, Capsicum & Lettuce *$5.90*
Open - Turkey Breast, Cranberry, Swiss Cheese, Carrot & Lettuce *$7.90*
Club - Chicken, Bacon, Asparagus, Cheese, Tomato & Lettuce *$7.90*

SOMETHING LIGHT

Spicy Chicken Pieces (6) *$6.90*
Cheese & Fruit Platter *$6.90*

MAINS SELECTION

Chicken Schnitzel *$8.90*
Chicken Kiev *$9.90*
Sizzling T-Bone *$9.90*
Grain Fed Rump *$9.90*
Porterhouse Steak *$9.90*
Seafood Basket *$10.90*
Barramundi Fillets *$10.90*
Veal Cordon Bleu *$9.90*
Beef Kebabs *$8.90*
A range of Sauces available *$2.00*
(Served with Vegetables or Salad)

ALL YOU CAN EAT SALAD BAR

(Salad Bar Available only from 12-2pm Mon-Fri)
Soup , Pasta & Salad *$6.90*
Salad Bar with any main meal *$2.00*
Roast of the Day *$7.90*

FOR A LIMITED TIME ONLY

Wednesday
The day before the PS pay day is value day
All you can eat Hot & Cold Buffet for only $4.90

Commodore's Column

At its April meeting, the Executive was delighted to be able to accept an offer by the remaining members of the former Acton Football Club of a cash donation to fund the building of what we propose naming the Acton Sports Deck. This deck will fill in the space between the Dorothy Norris Lounge and the NE corner of the Clubhouse and will be built in such a way that, when funding allows, the area underneath may be developed into a Sailor's Bar and bistro area. Boat storage and toilet/change room facilities would need to be rearranged in conjunction with any such development but this would be a subsequent development.

In return for the donation, the Executive has given honorary membership to the 20 or so members of the former AFC and their partners for a period of 6 months. At the quarterly meeting on Monday 27 May, members will be asked to vote on an amendment to our constitution granting honorary life (social) membership to those 20 people and their partners in recognition of their contribution. We look forward to their continuing support of the CYC.

Congratulations to placegetters in the pointscore, championship, cruising division and twilight events held over the Summer season, who are listed elsewhere in this issue of The Yachtsman. Apart from the weekly prizes awarded after racing on each day, trophies for series winners will be presented at the annual presentation dinner on 15 June. Don McMichael and George Meikle have already been the beneficiaries of our sponsors prizes based on regular participation in the Twilight & Pointscore series. SUNSAIL have been generous sponsors of our Club racing - and we understand that they will continue to be. As a result, they deserve the support of CYC members, and their friends, who may choose to charter a yacht in those areas where SUNSAIL operates - see details elsewhere in this magazine.

It is appropriate at this time to thank all of those members who have assisted with the running of races during the Summer season, especially those who have filled in at short notice as the starting team on a couple of days in place of the rostered group, and the drivers of our rescue/race support boats. John Wilkinson in particular has been the stalwart in this area and without him, our racing may not have proceeded on some days. But, John is talking about acquiring his own yacht for next season and in any event, we need to supplement the numbers of members who are available to drive our power boats. Members who may be interested, especially members with previous experience, should speak with David Kent, our Operations Manager at the Club. In the meantime, we have the 7 race Winter series in which to compete, starting on 19 May.

Trailable yacht owners in particular will be aware that NCPA has undertaken some dredging in the western end of Lotus Bay, at the request of the CYC & the CCYA. There were some problems initially with the unevenness of the bottom but the intention is to fix this when the next stage of the project proceeds, this is, a concrete apron on the beach and a finger jetty to facilitate launching and retrieval of boats. We hope this work will be completed before 30 June 1996.

In recent months, CYC members, and others from Canberra, have also participated in other significant regattas, including the Marley Point overnight race, the ADFA teams racing selection regatta, the Mirror Transom Trophy, the Australian and World 505 championships, and the NSW championships for both the Fireball and Tasar classes. Some of those regattas are written up in this newsletter; congratulations to all those concerned, firstly for participating and secondly, for the results achieved, irrespective of placings in the fleet. Stuart Schimeld, with Jude Kennedy as crew, won the Tasar States and Michael Leydon won the Fireball title.

Ailsa and I were pleased to have the opportunity over Easter to see some of the Tasar regatta on Lake Macquarie and to visit Long Jetty Sailing Club on Lake Tuggerah where the Fireball States were sailed. The benefits of having to run races in variable conditions, such as those we experience on LBG, were again brought home to us with a couple of situations that arose at the Tasar titles. With the Race Committee refusing to shorten course on one day, boats were paddling home (over a considerable distance) in the dark, and on the next day, the time limit was allowed to expire in drift conditions, with the officials asking the competitors during the race where the leading boats were around the course. The first incident resulted in a reprimand from the Waterways Authority, with unlit boats being on the water at night - and a threatened storm hit the course area only an hour or so after boats were ashore. Our race officials are practised in making shorten course decisions & in ensuring that the fleet completes its race - & I believe we all prefer to have a shortened race on a light wind day than a race that becomes a no race!

Congratulations to Teki Dalton, Paul Fitzwarryne and Peter Fullagar for their YAACT appointments as ACT Coach, and chairs of the Training, and Racing Rules and Appeals, Committees, respectively. These are inaugural appointments and, together with the Development Committee chaired by John Statton, these committees will be working with the Clubs to guide the continuing progress of sailing in the ACT. In conjunction with the YMSC and the CYC, the YAACT has submitted an application for sailing to be included as one of the activities of the Masters Games to be held in Canberra from 24 October to 1 November 1997. There is every reason to believe that this application will succeed so you might want to plan to be in Canberra at that time.

At the February QGM, Michael Leydon was elected to fill the vacancy of Rear Commodore (Training) having been appointed to the position by the Executive in December. Michael has now taken over as Principal under the AYF training scheme, having recently been awarded his Sailing Master Certificate. Paul Fitzwarryne has become an examiner for TL3 and David Kent has also become a Sailing Master. All three are to be congratulated for these achievements & our thanks are due to John Kennedy for undertaking the necessary work of Examiner in getting them to this stage.

Michael has continued to work with David Kent and several regular volunteers including Paul Fitzwarryne, in providing a number of courses for

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Commodore's Column (cont'd)

newcomers to sailing. A viable training program is important for the future of sailing and of the CYC and the active involvement of more members as instructors, helpers and with their boats, is crucial for a successful program. If you can help in any way, please speak with Michael or David. A special thanks is due to all of those who have contributed to the training in recent months.

Please be aware that our annual elections are due at the AGM in August - which is only 3 months away! It is timely for members to be starting to think about who they want to be involved in the various offices for next year. I cannot say that it is not an onerous task to be a Flag Officer of the CYC but I can say that if we, the members, make sure that appropriate people are elected for the various roles, including committee members, then the work of managing the affairs of the Club can be a shared role and need not be unduly burdensome on any one person. Certainly this year, there is a good spirit in the Executive and I believe we have enjoyed our monthly meetings - to the extent one can enjoy meetings!

Notices have been issued to members seeking renewal of membership with the incentive of participation in a lucky draw (to be conducted at the QGM on 27 May) for those who renew early. Our prizes are modest compared with those offered by some other Canberra clubs but we are small in comparison and cater for a quality market rather than a quantity one. I am sure that most members understand the position in which small clubs find themselves in the ACT. There are some 70 licensed clubs in Canberra and several of those have many more thousands of members than we have. Our Secretary/ Manager seeks to maximise the use of the Club facilities and, on occasions, this has caused tensions between competing interests - at the one extreme, the wish to have sole use of the Club, and at the other, the almost overwhelming drive of the commercial needs of the Club with its bank loan to service etc. The resulting dilemma is a difficult one that will require the patience of our loyal members from time to time. The staff will always do their best to satisfy our needs.

The final point I want to make is that I have a personal hankering for the days when the Associates, that very active group of women members, ran a regular program of well supported social functions for members and their friends including Winter and Spring Balls. We did have a successful New Year's Eve dinner/dance this year that was well supported by the social members of the Club, together with some of the participants in the Flying 15 Nationals. In an effort to test the interest of members in other such functions, we are planning an Anniversary Ball for 14 September of this year which happens to coincide with the 37th birthday of the CYC &, of course, is close to the start of the Summer sailing season. Further details will be available later but we look forward to your support. In particular, we hope that Class Associations/Divisions & other groups associated with the Club will help to make this an enjoyable night.

Peter Foster

Rear Commodore (Sailing) Report

We have now come to the end of another successful sailing season. I would like to thank all the class representatives who have helped in running the races during the season with particular thanks to Paul Barry and Jennifer Jarvis for running the tower for most of the Sunsail twilight series. All the efforts of voluntary starters and finishers would be of no value without the presence of a rescue boat and for that we owe a great debt to John Wilkinson who has undertaken this task on a regular basis over the whole of the season. Not only has he met our needs but he has also provided regular support for the Dragon Boats on Saturdays and Sundays. More rescue boat drivers are needed for next year, volunteers please speak to David Kent.

On the sailing side I must single out the contributions of Peter and Philip Russell and Daphne Fullager who have managed our computerised results system. It is the selfless help of our many volunteers who make sailing possible and contribute to our enjoyment of it. The other major contribution was made by our Operations Manager David Kent in keeping the rescue boats running throughout the year. Hopefully recent electrical problems with the motor on Tooheys Red will be resolved shortly.

Other helpers were many, enabling us to run a number of significant events during the year. These included the Monaro Silver Cup for the Contenders along with Solings in October, NSW Trailable Yacht Regatta and the ACT Dinghy Championships in November with 110 entries in the later event, the Flying Fifteen National Championships in December and January, the ACT Trailable Yacht Championships in January, the Mirror Dinghy Transom Trophy teams racing in March and a number of special events on holiday weekends throughout the year. Also our assistance to the National Development Squad (our potential year 2000 Olympians) in their weeks coaching at the AIS was much appreciated by the AYF. All these activities included a need for voluntary help and many people contributed to their success.

My main regret is we still do not seem to have sorted out our food arrangements to match the needs of sailors but I think we made progress. I would like to think we can provide a service next year that is as good as any in the country, but my main hope is that we can continue to improve it to better meet members wishes. For many events to do this we need a better indication of likely numbers at least 48 hours before and a continuing flow of volunteers, to use club staff makes the costs far too high unless we can significantly increase throughput. Any ideas would be appreciated.

On the racing side I have been impressed by the professionalism of our helpers and while we have had the occasional problem when volunteers have not turned up, these occasions have been few. Maybe next year we should include helpers in the Sunsail draw. We have had the continuing dichotomy between those who want longer races and those who want variety, those who think what we are doing is the right balance and those who want races of shorter duration.

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Rear Commodore (Sailing) Report (cont'd)

While the issue has been discussed in the sailing committee a number of times we have not yet been able to find an acceptable solution. Over the last few months I have been talking to a number of people about this and some potential solutions are gradually floating to the surface.

On the sponsorship side I must thank all our sponsors and would ask all Club members to give them their support as without them our sailing and Club would be much poorer. Our major sponsor has been Sunsail with their charter yachts available in Sydney and the Whitsundays along with many overseas destinations. Please don't forget to mention the Club when booking and advise friends to do the same. We are looking to even better sponsorship from them for next season. Our sponsor for the opening of season Regatta is Schweppes, for our sailing instructions Bartondale in Philip and its pleasing to see Bruce and Catherine back in town with better stock and an occasional appearance in the Club, although I am sure they would rather be up at Lake Macquarie. Also not forgetting Aurora Marine and Wire sponsor of the YAACT produced sailing program, Pete and Warren are regulars in the Club now days, and the Australian American Association sponsor of the Champion of Champions.

Congratulations are in order for all our members who have competed in events interstate this season, once again Club members and former Club members have had considerable success, with many achieving personal bests. While I would like to mention them all it would be unfair to the ones I don't know about. Some that I do know of though include all our competitors in the Marley Point overnight race for trailer sailors where teams of members took out the State Championship, and the Club Championship along with individual successes. Our Mirrors once again won the Transom Trophy teams racing, and former members Brendan Todd, Sailboards has achieved and Michael Blackburn, Lasers is in the running to achieve Olympic selection. This must be the best result for any Club in Australia. While Schiavello with its CYC crew did not succeed as well as hoped in the 18ft skiffs, the team provided added interest for those watching the series on the box. Once again a Club member is up there with the best in the world in the high performance 505's with Hugh Stodart 3rd in the Australian Championships and 6th in the Worlds. I also understand George Snow is giving up monohulls and is having a 21metre Catamaran built, now that should be something to watch if the cameras can keep up.

In our own Club events congratulations are in order for Don McMichael who managed to draw his own number for the Sunsail Twilight Series prize of 5 days and 4 nights on Pittwater, unfortunately for Peter Forster he did not have the same success for the pointscore series when he drew George Meikle for the prize of 6 days 5 nights in the Whitsundays, George seemed to suddenly acquire a lot of new friends.

Congratulations to Ben Leiske who won the Champion of Champions, following a new format this year where people sailed in their own boat. Ben came up through our junior training program, helped as an instructor for a number of years and has sailed very consistently this year, a well deserved result. Afterwards there was much discussion about how we could run it next year with some potentially good suggestions. It was surprising how close and tactical the sailing was at times and all the spectators I spoke to enjoyed it.

This years winners are:

Club Championship:-

Division 1	Ben Leiske
Division 2	Ron Thompson
Contender	Jeff Haskew
Fireball	Michael Leydon
Flying Fifteen	Peter Russell
Laser	John Tracey
Mirror	Peter Russell

Sunsail Pointscore Series 1:-

Division 1	David Kent
Division 2	Tony Bird
Contender	Joe Roos
Fireball	Steve Quinn
Flying Fifteen	Peter Fullagar
Laser	George Meikle
Mirror	Ellen Russell
Catamarans	Mike Dunn

Sunsail Pointscore Series 2:-

Division 1	Ilmar Kalnins
Division 2	Tony Bird
Division 3	Sue Youngman
Contender	Mathew Francis
Fireball	Mathew Gillingham
Flying Fifteen	Laurie McGee
Laser	Andy Muirhead
Mirror	Ellen Russell

The presentation dinner will be held on Saturday 15 June at 7.30pm in the Club when I may be able to provide a drawn prize for member competitors, so note the date in your diary, book before 8 June and be there to win it, but no guarantees at this stage. If I do have one the conditions will be advertised in the club house as soon as I know. Social members will be most welcome at the presentation dinner, why not come along to a good night out.

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Rear Commodore House Report

New Facilities

As mentioned earlier in the magazine, work is to commence during winter to construct the Acton Sports Deck. It is also planned to enlarge the downstairs Ladies Changeroom by taking some floorspace from the gents changeroom. This is to be a self help project to be conducted during an "off sailing" weekend. Any member who is handy at carpentry or plastering, and who would like to held, please let me know through our manager, Ron Sullivan.

Proposed Facilities

Planning is also underway for a bar and bistro to be constructed under the new deck and extending into the present dinghy storage area. Implementation will be dependant on increased club turnover, and members are requested to assist by making greater use of the club's bar, restaurant and gaming machines.

New Gaming Machines

Four new one and five cents gaming machines will have been installed by the time you receive your Yachtsman. These Money Power Machines have been selected in response to your demands for smaller denomination machines. I have been told these new machines also pay very well. Please come and try them out and provide feedback on their attractiveness.

Membership Badge and Cards

The club is adopting the trend of most NSW and ACT clubs and is replacing metal badges with membership cards. These will be issued for sailing and social memberships for the 1996/97 season. Life members will retain their metal badges.

Maitre D

To build on the success of the broad range of functions catered for by the club, Ms. Maggie Bartlett has been appointed as our Functions Maitre D . Maggie works to the manager, and her responsibilities are to assist with the planning and conduct of functions.

Photos

Thank you to those members who have taken photos of sailing events for me during the past six months. Framed enlargements of a mixture of yachts, and other events around the club, are being hung in the clubhouse. The photos taken and not used are now displayed on the notice board. They are free for the taking.

Triathlon Events

The triathlon association has formally advised that future mid week events are to be held on Thursday evenings. This change will be to the benefit of both sailors and athletes during coming summers.

Survey of Members

On behalf of the previous committee I would like to again thank those members who took the time to complete the survey. From the House perspective there were no surprises. Sealed car parking was identified by all respondents. About 95% of members did not want additional formal functions, and those that did wanted functions from balls to fire side chats and film nights. From a sailing perspective, I was pleased to find the number of members who want races to extend over 90 minutes duration.

Anniversary Ball

A ball is to be held on 16 September 1996 to help celebrate the club's birthday. Details will be advised in the next three months. Please make the resolve to attend and put the function in your diary.

John Tracey

PLEASE NOTE:
Articles for the Annual Report (August Edition) will close on 19 July 1996.

OLYMPIC SELECTION ?

Michael Blackburn, who dominated the CYC Laser fleet for many years must, on his recent performance, be in contention to be an Australian Olympic representative at Atlanta.

At the Laser World Championships in Tenerife in June 1995, Michael came fifth, with the next Australian 52nd. At the Asian Pacific Laser Championships in Perth in January, Michael came third, and the first Australian. This was a most commendable performance considering 207 Lasers from 28 countries competed. Michael is currently placed 13th in the IYRU Ranking List, and this may not accurately reflect his status as he has not been able to compete in all ranking events.

The IYRU has accepted preliminary entries from 60 countries in the Laser Class for the Atlanta Games. Over 160 000 Lasers have now been built, with class racing in 113 countries, and at less than $5 000 each are by far the cheapest Olympic class yacht. Yet Lasers may loose their Olympic status before 2000 because the "open dinghy" category they current fill is to be changed to a "high performance open" category.



At the time of going to press the club received the follow message from Michael.

"Thank you for your part in helping me win Olympic selection for Australia at the 1996 Atlanta Games. The support you gave during a long Laser campaign helped me put the pieces together to make the Australian Sailing Team. Thanks again. Michael Blackburn"

The CYC and members wish Michael the best of luck in achieving his Olympic aspirations.

John Tracey.

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What's Been Happening Lately!!



Look Ma - no hands!!



Rod Dalgleish providing coaching of a Friday evening. If you want to sail faster talk to Rod.



David Kent (Operations Manager) trying out the simulator for the Access 2.3 - Peter Thompson former 505 sailor has recently the Chairmanship of Sailability. We hope to see Peter on the water.



John White surveying the proposed boat ramp for Lotus Bay.

TOOHEYS BLUE BOCK BB

The Solomon Airlines Brisbane to Gizo Yacht Race

(Inaugural Race: Easter 1996: 1,200 miles)

This was a very different ocean race. Our Witchcraft II crew of nine arrived at R.Q.Y.S. Manly for the Easter Friday start on Moreton Bay. The fleet of 21 yachts included three previous Sydney-Hobart winners: 1994's Ninetyseven, 1984's Indianpacific (sistership ship to Whitchcraft II) and the classic yacht Fedeus the 1966 winner.

Gizo lies approximately midway between Honiara and Papua New Guinea and it is the Solomon's second largest city - population 4,000. From Moreton Bay the course is close to Fraser Island, via Fredericks Reef across the Coral Sea, around the 30 mile wide Polkington Reef and finally across the Solomon Sea to Gizo Island.

The first four days were spent fast reaching in N.E. tradewinds at 005 degrees. Witchcraft II was well placed on corrected time, just behind Ninetyseven. Days five and six were typical LBG drifting conditions. Our speed dropped from 7-8 knots to 2 at best and we were 80 miles west of the rhumb line due to current. Barbeques and suntanning, swimming in water temperature at 29 degrees was the daily plan. Nearest yacht - 50 miles away.

The tip of Papua New Guinea was getting too close! We were now in sixth place and not impressed.

Day seven. In came the S.E. at last. We reached back to course. Avoided Pilkington Reef and her 50 wrecked ships and surfed accross the Solomon Sea at last under Spinnaker. Floating logs were a serious problem. We hit a large one at midnight - no damage.

Day eight. Sailed almost 200 miles in 24 hours, picked up four places and finished 2 am over 100 miles in front of Indian Pacific. Witchcraft II was seventh accross the line.

Results:

1. Ninety Seven - Farr 47
   - Andrew Straehan
2. Witchcraft II - Farr 40
   - Bruce Staples
3. Collex-Onyx - Adams 55
   - Alan Ovenden

(Of interest were the finishing instructions) To leave all red lights to starboard and there were no port hand lights. Very exciting on deck - many different opinions in pitch darkness.

Finishing trophy

Winner: Witchcraft II - by trolling 1200 miles catching two large stripey mackeral 6 kg - cooked, eaten 20 minutes later. Lost two other lures with huge hits by supposed giant yellowfin tuna.

A great race
Peter Dalton

GIO ACT TRAILABLE YACHT CHAMPIONSHIPS

The **GIO Australia** 18th Championships were held on Friday 26 January commencing with a briefing at 4.00 pm then race 1 at 5.30 pm. Races 2 and 3 and race 4, the obligatory night race were all held on Saturday the 27th and the event concluded with a Presentation Brunch on Sunday the 28th.

Fourty-one boats entered and a third were from interstate.

All races were run in the usual meticulous **Peter and Daphne Fullagar** style. Whilst there were some 'challenging moments' during the starts and races no protests were lodged.

GIO Australia became our major sponsor; to our good fortune. The Branch Managers **Robin Morrison**, **Gay Thurlow**, **Paula Hawkins** and **Maria Simpson** provided fantastic support, enthusiasm and dedication by attending most of the racing over the weekend. **GIO Australia** also provided 5 prize packs.

The **Canberra Australia Day Sports Carnival**, with support by the **ACT Government Bureau of Sport, Recreation and Racing** also provided major sponsorship and banners to decorate the Club and to remind participants that the Championships are an integral part of the sports celebrations for Australia Day.

ACT Fibreglass Supplies, owned by **Don and Margaret Buffington** and **Derek Kelly and Sons Printers** of Scullin also became sponsors. The owners of these companies are CCYA members. So it is heartening to receive their contribution to the Championships.

Graham Robertson, owner of **Graham Robertson Car Sales** became our sponsor from another new business. The Association wishes to thank Graham for his support whilst in the hectic process of building up his own independent car sales business.

The winners of the various trophies and prizes were:

Handicap Prizes

Div. 1 1st **Dieter Tietz**, Corsair F24, Reasonable Doubt. Bartondale Trophy, Division 1 on Handicap.

Div. 2 1st **Ben Lieske**,Castle 550, IOF. Church Trophy, Big Boat Handicap.

Div. 3 1st **Graham Bevan**, Hartley 16, Tarrango. Perpetual trophy.

Championship Prizes

Div. 1 1st **Ross Wylde-Browne**, Tramp-Tri, Cassy. Sitrrer perpetual Trophy.

Div. 2 1st **Peter Taylor**, Adams 21, Pathfinder. PBSS Trophy.

Div. 3 1st **Peter Hellwig**, Cherry 16, Aurora. Royal Insurance Perpetual Trophy.

To sum up, it would be fair to say that the 1996 Championships did go well and with good weather the 4 races and the Presentation Brunch worked better than our expectations. As for next year, because Australia Day falls on a Saturday we will return to a normal weekend. If you have any thoughts on the matter please let the CCYA Executive know.

Eric Webb

CANBERRA YACHT CLUB
PRESENTATION DINNER

15 June 1996

7.00pm for 7.30pm

All members, social members, friends and members of other clubs that competed in sailing events at the CYC during the 1995 - 1996 sailing season are invited to attend the Canberra Yacht Club Annual Presentation Dinner.

Prize winners will be notified separately of their eligibility and the conditions associated with the presentation of prizes and how refunds of money spent on prizes can be claimed. Refunds will not be available until Monday 17 June. Club Trophy winners will be announced on the night. All prizes are to be placed on the trophy table in the Club prior to 7.10pm on 15 June.

The cost of the Dinner will be $25 for a three course meal and coffee or tea. Juniors under 12 will be provided with a special menu at a cost of $2. We anticipate juniors will be able to watch a video in the Akarana Room after the meal should they wish.

Reservations have to be made with the Club prior to 5.00pm on Wednesday 12 June.
When booking please indicate which Division/Class table(s) you wish to sit on.

HAIL TO THE RULES

The natural progression of many sailors is from learning to sail to taking part in races. While some learn the basic rules, many competitors, even at national championships, are unaware of the fine print. I have listed some interesting examples of hails recently heard on the water, advertising lack of knowledge.

"Overtaking Boat Keep Clear"
This frequently heard hail is a relic from the nineteenth century racing rules which were derived from the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea. It has long gone from the racing rules but remains as a regulation when both yachts are not racing. There are only two defined situations when overtaking in a race: clear astern and overlapped. Under the clear astern obligation of Rule 37.2 you cannot run into the stern of a yacht even when on starboard and the other yacht is on port. Once an overlap is obtained the windward yacht must keep clear while the leeward yacht cannot sail above her proper course. Very importantly the overtaken yacht must be given room and opportunity to keep clear under Rule 37.3. The room necessary includes that required to change direction, so you must allow for a stern swinging towards you.

"Time and Opportunity to Keep Clear"
A favourite tactic of certain multihull skippers in mixed fleets is to park broadside to the start line and shout 'time and opportunity to keep clear' against any yacht coming into the line on a close hauled course. The hail is pure bluff as the multihull has to start to keep clear from the moment an overlap exists. Due to the angle of yachts this could have been when they were fifty metres apart, as the overlap is taken at right angles to the stern. In a protest the windward yacht has the onus of proving her case, and being parked broadside to the starting line is not good evidence.

"Hold Your Course"
This is a frequently heard hail from a yacht which does not have right of way, and has no basis from the racing rules. A starboard-tack yacht can change course and speed to hinder a port-tack yacht as long as she gives her the opportunity to keep clear. This freedom has several tactical advantages, for example, if the port yacht is on the lay line to the mark nearby, the starboard yacht, by slowing down, can cause the other yacht to tack or bear away underneath so she cannot lay the mark without tacking.

"You are OK"
This is really the opposite of the "hold your course" hail, and is made when it is tactically advantageous for the right of way yacht to advise the other yacht it is not on a collision course - for example to persuade her not to tack and lee bow you. However, the obligation to keep clear is still with the yacht on port. If the starboard yacht misjudges the distance and there is a collision, receiving an inaccurate hail is not a defence for the port yacht. However, if the hail was deliberately false the yacht could be disqualified under Fundamental Rule C.

"Water"
A hail for water, made when a yacht needs to tack to clear an obstruction, immediately places the onus on the yacht hailed. However it is not necessary for that yacht to tack if the yacht hailing can bear away under its stern. Most yachts tack immediately they are hailed without realising there can be tactical advantages to getting the other yacht to tack and dip down below the close hauled course. This works even better when that action places the yacht on port on a collision course with another starboard yacht causing her to take even more avoiding action!

"Mast abeam"
This hail, sometimes prematurely made, can only be made when the helmsman is in their normal position for that leg of the course, which may vary by type of yacht and weather condition. The critical point is that there is no obligation for the lee yacht to keep clear until they hear the hail. The moral is to hail loudly so any convenient witnesses can hear it.

Again the non-right of way yacht has to be given the opportunity to keep clear, so watch your opponent's tiller extension, as it can be made to stick out a long way!

"Buoy Room"
This hail made loudly, well in advance, some five boat lengths from the mark, is a useful tactical bluff. The hail can panic the opposition besides convincing potential witnesses with the question, "Did you hear my Hail?" The response should be an even louder hail of "No overlap", and a quick psychological luff to convince them you have read the rules.

"Racing Rules only apply when you are racing"
This is a commonly held myth. In fact the racing rules also apply to yachts that intend to race or have finished while they are in the vicinity of the course. The relevant rule in those two situations is 30.1 which is that you cannot seriously hinder a yacht that is racing. An example of a pre-race situation, is when a well known monohull skipper admirably works upwind, well before his start, to tune the boat and check on wind shifts. Division One boats start first and, tacking on to port to get a shift, can be faced with the non-started yacht running back on starboard gybe, incorrectly claiming right of way. In reality if the port tack yachts are forced to tack they could protest under Rule 30.1. An example of the post race situation happened recently when the CYC top mark and the YMCA finishing line were laid only 30 metres apart. Trailer sailors on the port lay line were faced with dinghies which had finished reaching down on starboard towards them. The port tack yacht had to go about to avoid a collision and again could have protested.

Not only is the thoughtless action a rule infringement, but it is common courtesy not to hinder a yacht when it is racing.

"We are racing with different Clubs"
Most skippers know that they have to give way to yachts racing with the same Club. However, Part IV Right of Way Rules apply even when two yachts are racing with different clubs. Thus a yacht on port causing a yacht on starboard to take avoiding action has to accept a penalty even if they were sailing in different events.

It can be difficult to tell when another yacht is not racing. In my long past youth it was a requirement that a yacht flew a racing pennant. Now, the best tactic is to assume all yachts are racing. Thus, it is common courtesy when you are not racing to hail and let a competing yacht know, and give her total freedom to sail, including not ending up in your wind shadow.

"Get out of my way, I'm racing"
Recently I saw a racing yacht deliberately hit a training boat which was in its way near a mark. This total lack of courtesy against a novice could result in action being taken by the Sailing Committee against the offending skipper for misconduct under Rule 75, even if the other yacht was not racing. Such strong action would surely be "Hail to the Rules"!!

Paul Fitzwarryne
A personal interpretation!

CANBERRA MODEL YACHT CLUB

1996 has been kind to the Canberra Model Yacht Club. We have held three major events so far this year; the "1995 National Championships", the local "Bridge to Bridge" and the "ACT International 1 Metre Championships".

The 1995 National Championships were held in January, off the point at the CYC. It extended over 10 days, having more than 60 boats arrive in Canberra for the event. There were 4 classes including: "A Class", "International 1 Metre", "Marbleheads" and "10 rater". Most days had normal conditions drifting conditions early, strengthening to around 10 knots for the afternoon racing. With some sailors using this event for practice before travelling to the Marblehead World Titles in Melbourne a week later, racing was very close. Sailors from Canberra featured well in all their classes, winning several heats and finishing in the top 5 positions.

The local "Bridge to Bridge" is an annual race held between the Commonwealth and Kings Avenue bridges. It is a race over two miles (marathon to a model yacht), starting in front of the High Court, rounding a pylon at Commonwealth Bridge, returning to round a pylon at Kings avenue Bridge and finishing back at the High Court.

This year we had a great day with 15 to 20 knots to help us around the course, line honours going to Fabion Florian (CMYC), sailing his "10 rater" in a time of 47 minutes. We also ran a yardstick handicap for the first time, which was won by Tom Hearne (CMYC) sailing his "A Class". We had a showing of 15 boats, which included entries from Sydney, Foster, Wollongong and the Central Coast.

Over the Easter Weekend, we held the ACT International 1 Metre Championships. This event attracted boats from Victoria, New South Wales and Queensland, with 8 of the top 10 finishes from the Nationals returning to test their skills again. Racing was held at Bowen park in mostly light and flukey conditions. Thirty four races were held over the 2 days with local sailor, John Whitfield, winning the regatta on 48 points, with Craig Smith, from Melbourne, finishing second on 77 points. The racing in this class was very tight with racing up to the sailors, not the boats.

The club has also had some success interstate, having 3 boats travelling to Sydney for the Australia Day Regatta. Jeff Jones sailing his "A Class" finished third with John Whitfield winning the "1 Metre" event.

Local sailing is held at Bowen Park on the Kingston foreshore every Sunday, (at approx. 2 pm) with club racing every fortnight. A club meeting is held on the first Thursday of each month at the CYC at 7.30pm. Visitors are welcome to drop in on Sundays to have a look; racing is always close to the shore. For further information please contact our Secretary, Rob Lynch on 2934170 ah.

I also would like to take this opportunity to thank the Canberra Yacht Club staff and members for the help offered during the hosting of the 1995 National Championships.

John Whitfield

Quarterly General Meeting
27 May 1996 • 8.00pm
Agenda

1. Apologies.
2. Acceptance of minutes from previous meeting.
3. Business arising from the minutes.
4. Flag Officers Reports
5. Business arising from Flag Officers reports
6. Notices of Motion
7. General Business



1996 ACT TEAM RACING CHAMPIONSHIP

The 1996 ACT Team Racing Championship was held on 30-31 March 1996. The racing was blessed with good moderate wind, after several days of near calm.

The Australian Defence Force Academy and HMAS Harman assisted by providing several Tasar dinghys and other equipment. Other Canberra saililng clubs provided the man and woman power necessary to run the event.

Eight teams representing all the major clubs in the ACT entered. Saturday's racing saw the competitors divided into two pools of four. The CYC's A team won Pool B from the ACT navy team. CYC a included Ellen Russell and Sarah Edwards both sailing in their first major team racing event. In Pool A, the YMSC's A team which included Craig and Trent Davidson who have both won major events in the Spiral Class won that pool from the CYC's B team.

Sunday's racing continued in good winds, with ANU 2 Teams narrowly 'winning' Teams' racing traditional 'Plate' for the team that completes all events but still does not succeed as much as other teams - well done ANU, who typically have a large proportion of less experienced sailors who have recently joined their club.

In fourth place were the CYC B team, who included Sameus Mehag and Jason Gillet who normally sail Mirrors. Third place overall went to the ACT Navy team, captained by Martin Linsley who is also closely involved with the organisation of the Navy Australian Team racing championship. Second place was the CYC A team captained by Peter Russell, with team members including Peter Hellwig (crewed by Judy Kennedy) and Michael Leydon.

The overall champions were the YMSC A team comprising Craig and Trent Davidson, Danny Keyes and Daryl Roos, and Andrew Reed and Bruce Paine. This team is planning to compete in the Navy Australian Team Racing championship in early May on Sydney Harbour.

The YAACT appreciates that member clubs assisted in running the event, and approximately 50 competitors who made the whole event a success.

Contact for further information:
Bruce Paine; ph (06) 263 3926 (w).

A.C.T. TRIATHLON ASSOCIATION

The A.C.T. Triathlon Association has enjoyed an amicable affiliation with the CYC for a number of years now. The location of the club lends itself beautifully to our pursuits and the catering and bar facilities are very convenient for refreshment after our sometimes exhausting events.

The ACTTA committee conducts it's meetings at the CYC and also our presentations and awards evenings.

A Triathlon Coaching Course was held recently at the CYC. Twenty-two new coaches are now working towards their accreditation each having spent 12 hours of face to face lectures in the Sailor's bar.

Our winter Duathlon series started again on the 12th May (Mother's Day). These run-bike-run events will be held once per month and will be staged mainly in the grass car-park at the front of the club.

If any of the CYC's more aquatic members would like to have a go at a Triathlon Association event, please contact me on 257 2230. It's really not as hard as we make it look ..... honestly.

Glenn Russell,
Executive Officer, ACTTA

LASER NEWS

In the last edition of the Yachtsman I wrote under the caption of 'lets see more lasers on the lake'. Someone must be reading this superb periodical as indeed since that edition was issued, I have been very excited by the number of boats growing in the class. We now have eight regulars and very recently, a new youngster joined us by way of Simon Pietsch. Simon, in his early teens, is also helping out the club as a student instructor and I know David Kent, our Operations Manager is certainly appreciative of his help. Simon competes against his 'older' peers in his yellow hulled Laser which answers to the name of 'BRUMBY'. Welcome Simon. Also, welcome to John Graham a recently successful student of the CYC Sail Training course.

Other new arrivals to the class are Derk Swieringa (Margy Moo) and Andy Muirhead (Muskoka) who are rapidly becoming seasoned racers. So you can see, things are on the move for Lasers and the greater numbers are impacting to great effect on the fun of racing in this class with CYC.

On a wider matter, the 1996 Laser worlds are to be held in South Africa (Simons Town - S. of Cape Town) 9 - 31 April for the various categories within the class.

You may also like to know that on the international scene Michael Blackburn is rated 13th (he was placed fifth in the recent World Championships at Teneriffe). He is Australia's champion.

On a sadder note:



SAMUEL ROBERT MARSH
(Sam)
30-5-1974 - 10-12-1995
"May the example of his courage, love and happiness always remain in our hearts and memories."

See you on the lake, regards,
George Meikle.

SAILING HOLIDAYS - SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

Sunsail

Each year I travel to different destinations with a group of people that have a passion for sailing holidays.

When I first started out back in the early 70s it was a small group, my wife and a couple of friends and now it has grown to be 60 + people aboard a group of yachts that come in all shapes and sizes.

In order to arrange these trips successfully, I needed to establish a relationship here in Australia with a charter company who offers destinations worldwide and who I could trust for their professionalism, quality and knowledge. **The company we chose is Sunsail.**

Sunsail operate more than 700 yachts in 19 countries around the world and have assisted me in planning many successful holidays in the past to exotic places like the Whitsundays, Thailand, The South pacific, Greece, Turkey, Spain and the Caribbean just to name a few. Sunsail also operate vessels on Sydney Harbour and Pittwater which provide perfect weekend escapes.

The trips I lead are fun and provide the opportunity for groups, singles and couples to go sailing and take advantage of a reduced group cost. Yachts do not have to stay together but scheduled beach BBQ's and restaurant parties are arranged enroute for those who would like to attend. The major advantage of these holidays is the ability to meet up with fellow sailors and make acquaintances. Of course our social functions are never compulsory, but many of our participants find this one of the best parts of the holiday.

Many of our people have found new, life-long friends (some have even married) as a result of these trips and often return year after year to explore a new destination together.

Our next adventure is to the Kingdom of Tonga where we shall cruise the last two weeks in May 1997.

If you would like more information about Sunsail or my type of holidays. **I recommend that you give Grant a call at Sunsail on 1 800 803 988.**

I would have to say that without the help of Sunsail these type of hassle free holidays would not be possible.

As an ex-procrastinator on our last trip said **"Don't dream it - Do it".**

Derek Chrichton

WHAT THE CANBERRA YACHT CLUB HAS TO OFFER...

The Canberra Yacht Club provides you with the venue to make your function a huge success. The Club's six main venues are:

The Gaming Lounge:
try the very latest gaming machines along with the golden oldies

The Akarana Room:
enjoy the serenity and quiet of a venue for that private function.
The Akarana Room can comfortably seat up to 30 people whilst providing harbour views of Lotus Bay.

The Dorothy Norris Lounge:
recently updated with new furniture offers a cosy and relaxed atmosphere for that meeting with friends or after dinner mints!
With views of Lotus Bay you will soon feel the daily stresses simply disappear leaving you revived for life's trial and tribulations.

The Lotus Bay Lounge:
features the CYC's famous Bistro.
The lounge offers panoramic views of Lake Burley Griffin with meals being provided between 12 noon to 2 pm and 6 pm to 9 pm.

The Sailors Bar:
for the special occasion with the young at heart. The sailors Bar caters for 150 people and offers a full bar service.
Bring your own sound equipment or hire a juke box and dance the night away.
Decorate the room to your requirements to set the mood!

The Restaurant:
for white table service at reasonable rates.
Enjoy the splendour and tranquillity whilst dining.
Meals are provided between 12 noon to 2 pm and 6 pm to 9 pm.

ROOM HIRE IS WAIVED FOR MEMBERS

ROSTRUM NOW MEETS AT THE CYC

Rostrum is familiar to many Canberrans. Rostrum Clubs provide a forum for members to practice the skills of public speaking and effective contribution to meetings.

ACT Rostrum Club 2 meets from 12:30 to 1:30pm in the Akarana room of the CYC, once a week on the days set out below.

Rostrum Club 2 is a small Club, and this allows more opportunity for members to practice chairmanship, speaking and the duties of club office bearers.

The club has a number of experienced members whose role is to provide friendly guidance and advice to new members.

We think these skills will be of benefit to you not only for the CYC activities, but for all aspects of your life.

Guests and visitors are always welcome to club meetings.

Meeting dates:

Rostrum Club 2 meets most Mondays (except public holidays) and the last Wednesday of each month, when a joint meeting is held with Rostrum Club 6.

The dates of our meetings for the next few weeks are:

February: 5, 12, 19, 28 (Wednesday),
March: 4, 11, 27 (Wednesday),
April 1, 15, 24 (Wednesday) and 29.

Further information

For further information please contact Tony Matthews on 281 6781 or Chander Khera on (w) 270 5650 or (h) 258 9119.

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SAILING SYDNEY WATERS 15 -18 MARCH 1996

Six new sailors with TL1 certificates were recently provided with a great opportunity to sail on a Farr 40 racing yacht in Sydney. The six, John Graham, Irene Jaunzenis, Bisika O'Sullivan, Karen Paxton, Laurie Sparke and myself were keen to experience something other than sailing Lasers and trailer sailers on Lake Burley-Griffin and accepted David Kent's invitation to make the trip to Sydney for the Canberra Day long weekend 1996.

In two cars seven people set a course for Sydney from Canberra to meet our home for the weekend 'Nadia IV' and our host and skipper Teki Dalton.

After an early start on Saturday morning we made for Double Bay for a fashionable breakfast of muesli and rice bubbles. After this brief stop we set about learning some new drills as well as applying some of the recently acquired skills. It was surprising to find how easy it was to forget to know how to tie a bowline when taken out of a normal comfort zone.

Soon the main was up and everybody was coming to terms with the alarming running backstays. It was made clear that if we performed this tacking function well we would be accepted as knowledgable sailors however, first it was necessary to accept that if we failed to do this properly we would be responsible for a fallen mast! Practising our new drills it was time to head for the ocean on this hot, cloudy blustery morning.

The trip on the ocean was certainly exciting with the development of a Force 6 gale and also nauseating with the development of some sea sickness among the crew. Unfortunately the conditions were not suitable for such a green crew and we headed back for The Heads and the comfort of Sydney Harbour pausing only to watch 'Brindabella', 'Amazon' and some other maxis heading out into the increasing seas to race.

The rest of the day in the Harbour was more relaxing as we spent much of the time motoring. A little rain was not enough to dampen the enthusiasm for the weekend and as well as seeing Sydney from an exciting new perspective we had grandstand seats to watch a closely contested race between capsizing and mast broken 18 foot skiffs.

Greeted by a fine and sunny Sunday morning, followed by another early breakfast at Double Bay we continued our sailing training on the harbour. By now, everybody was fairly comfortable with their roles on Nadia IV and much of the apprehension experienced by the crew on the first day had disappeared. There was a good breeze and surprisingly little traffic on the water. To look out onto the Harbour from land, Sydney Harbour often looks chaotic and yet it seemed less crowded than a summer's afternoon on Canberra's lake. We had a short sail out to sea in conditions a lot more comfortable than the previous day before it was time to head up Middle Harbour to the Spit Bridge. After the bridge finally opened, we set sail for Bantry Bay. It was difficult to believe that this lovely secluded bay (a former wartime ammunition depot) with only bushland around was, in fact, almost in the centre of Sydney.

Overall it was a very successful weekend. A bunch of virtual strangers managed to spend all weekend in very close quarters and all leave feeling very positive about the whole experience. Most were already planning the next trip. The experience was invaluable and gave everybody some appreciation of the mental and physical demands of sailing a large yacht and what ocean cruising is like.



Of course our experiences on this yacht were very much more relaxed than those of the crews who have raced Nadia IV from Sydney to Hobart.

All in all it was a well organised and fun weekend. The crew thanks David Kent for coming up with the idea, maintaining our enthusiasm for sailing and planning the weekend. Our thanks also to Teki Dalton being involved in the venture and providing the boat.

Jack Blunt

Neighbours twenty-five years ago, at our recent Presentation Dinner not only did Peter Russell and Terrie Ebrill catch-up their love of sailing but her sister and friends chose our Club for the celebration of Terrie's "additional Quarter" plus she proudly witnessed the awarding of the "America's Mug" - a link which Terrie (jointly) initiated between the CYC and her beloved Australian American Association.



CANBERRA CLAIMS MARLAY POINT OVERNIGHT RACE AGAIN

1996 saw a different format for the Marlay Point Overnight Race with the introduction of a two race series. The traditional overnight race which was similar to last year finished at Paynesville and restarted at Paynesville the following day for the second race. The race this year proved to be interesting with the new and challenging format.

This years race, as in past years was very well represented by CYC entrants with some 15 boats making the pilgrimage to the trailerable yachties' "Mecca". As in recent years the Interstate Challenge team was selected by choosing the best performers from the previous year. This selection process has proven successful as the ACT has dominated for the two previous years. This year's state team was Pathfinder (Peter Taylor), Impetuous (Roger Rose) and Calypso (Geoff Gillett).

Many of the boats headed off on the Thursday with plans to embark on the leisurely sail from Paynesville (the finish) to Marlay Point (the start). The trip by these cruisey boozy lot included a stop off at the Lock Sport Pub for lunch and some lubrication and then on to a raft up in the straits with the Pathfinder team once again dining on the traditional racing curry and red wine. Others from Canberra travelled down on the Friday and launched at Marlay Point to conserve themselves.

The race started in perfect conditions late on Saturday afternoon with a 10 - 15 knot breeze. The Lake Wellington leg of the race was a real spectacle with some 300 boats, spinnakers and a fabulous sunset making it irresistible to snap off a few shots. The entire race this year was sailed in perfect conditions.

The Sunday race started in excellent breezes which increased to about 20 knots during the race which made for some exhilarating spinnaker runs.

1996 was undoubtedly the best ever result for our pilgrims winning every teams trophy including the Interstate Challenge Trophy, the Adam Briton Trophy for club teams (Rustler - Peter Russell, Valdor - Ilmar Kalnins and SideFX Too - Martin Kilpatrick) and the Top Teams Trophy (Adams 21s : Pathfinder - Peter Taylor, Serenade - Stuart Manley and Gomez - Paul Scrivener).

Top place getters in the respective divisions were Pathfinder sailed by Peter Taylor winning Division B. This was Peter and his crew's sixth win at Marlay Point. Delta Lady sailed by our Operations Manager Dave Kent put in a terrific debut coming 2nd to Pathfinder. In fact Canberra boats dominated the first ten places in this division.

Roger Rose in Impetuous put in yet another great effort with a 3rd in Division A. Roger is now a member of the "Adams Family" and we hope to see him sail his new boat next season. Brian Worth's Kiwi Bird performed well this year with some spectacular spinnaker runs, and the icing on the cake for Brian was that he got home with the mast in one piece.

Canberra yachts truly did claim Marlay Point this year. Well done.

Peter Taylor



'Delta Lady' (David Kent) followed by 'Serenade' (Stuart Manley) in hot pursuit of 'Pathfinder' (Peter Taylor)

INTERNATIONAL FLYING FIFTEENS

The 34th Flying Fifteen Australian Championships were held in Canberra from 30th December 1995 to 6th January 1996 hosted by the Canberra Yacht Club. Twelve heats were contested, the idea being to have more but shorter races. Some heats were sailed using a modified form of the new Olympic trapezoid configuration. Despite the fact that it was possible to follow the race schedule without the need for any resails, the wind conditions throughout the week were, on the whole, rather uniform with no consistent strength above about 12-15 knots and most of the time the wind was within the range of 5-10 knots. Twenty-eight boats were entered for the championships with representation from Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria and one overseas entrant from Scotland. The local fleet included 16 Canberra boats and two from nearby Lake Jindabyne.

The Invitation Race for the Uffa Fox Trophy was convincingly won by Robert Signorini and Drew Norgate sailing Miss Behavin (3055) from Peter & Phillip Russell in Rustler (2835) with Craig & Ian Rainey in Think Big (3257) third. Craig and Ian Rainey went on to win the championships and the Cowslip Trophy with placings of 2;3;1;1;2;2;3;1;1;10;2;2; = 20.7 points, from Ian Cleaver and Ian Calder (from Scotland) sailing Clapped Out Toy Boy (3312) with 3;1;8;5;14;1;1;3;2;1;3;1 = 30.1 and Robert Signorini and Drew Norgate with 1;2;5;4;4;5;2;8;12;5;6;3 = 68.7. Robert and Drew also won the Walbourn Trophy (for the first boat with a number 400 under the highest sail number competing). The only other heat winner (twice) was Bill Shand and David Parish in Reliance Fixteen (3542) who came 4th (88.4 points) followed by the leading Canberra boat (The Boat Comes First, 3100 with 94.7 points) sailed by Peter Forster and Mick Roche followed in 6th place by Rustler (with 124.7 points). Two other notable results were achieved by well known Canberra sailors in borrowed boats. Andrew Forster with Stuart Allan, who borrowed Eight Ball (3102) from Allen Fordham were placed in 7th and John Tracey with Chris Parkinson (9th), who borrowed Windsong (3240) from Ian Hawke. The Handicap series was won by John Tracey and Chris Parkinson in Windsong fom John Kennedy with Mike Donelley in Rag Dolly (2971) and Paul Bryden with Ian McKay in Breeze (2671).

The pre-Christmas 'Sunsail' Pointscore series of the CYC 1995-96 Sunday racing program (from the 8 heats sailed) was won by Peter Fullagar and Ross Pover in Seamist (1395). John Kennedy sailing Rag Dolly (2971) was second and Laurie McGee sailing Wings (3492) came third. During this series the fleet size averaged 6 with 14 different boats competing.

The second 'Sunsail' Pointscore series sailed after Christmas was convincingly won by Laurie McGee from Colin Brown and Nigel Grimes sailing Snab Fisk (2905). Vladimir and Peter Chevchenko sailing Calypso 3 (1894) came third. A total of 17 boats competed during this half of the season with an average fleet size of 9.

In the Club Championship Series for the season the result was close with two boats producing consistent performances. In the end Peter and Phillip Russell sailing Rustler (2835) took first place by a small margin from Peter Forster and Mick Roche sailing The Boat Comes First (3100). John Kennedy was third. Nineteen different boats competed during this half of the average season with an average fleet size of 9 competitors.

Peter and Phillip went on to contest the Champion of Champions race in which they came second. Congratulations to Peter and Phillip for a consistent and successful season with their Flying Fifteen Rustler in club racing and at the National Championships. They had a great season also in their other Rustler (see elsewhere in this magazine), particularly at the Marley Point regatta.

P.J. Fullagar

WHAT THE CYC HAS TO OFFER SAILORS

Hoist: for those with larger boats, the CYC's hoist is available at very reasonable rates. What better way to repair or clean the bottom of your boat.

Boat parking: currently all parks are full and a waiting has been established. Please do not place your boat in a boat park if you are not authorised to do so. A space will become available - eventually. For those that do have a boat space, please think of others when the boat park is conjested with cars attached to trailers, by removing your car from the area once your boat is returned.

Interested in selling a boat? Why not advertise through the notice board located at the club.

Wanting to crew or do you require crew? Place your requirements on the notice board located at the Club.

Interested in being taught to sail? The CYC offers introductory courses at very reasonable prices. Phone the office for details.

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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO CYC CONSTITUTION

The need to update the constitution has been apparent for some time. The following proposals are put to the members as a basis for discussion at the May QGM (& subsequently). The proposed new 7.12 is in a separate category. There are other areas that need attention also, such as a form of membership to incorporate the full range of activities operating from the Club, & the management structure of the Club, including whether we still need both an Operations & a House Committee.

Proposed by Peter Forster, seconded by John Kennedy that the CYC constitution be amended as follows:

- Wherever the word `he' appears, amend the relevant clause to read `he she'.
- **Clause 4.3:** insert after `the age of 25 years' - `& is a full time student'.
- **Clause 4.6:** delete all words after those in brackets & insert the following ` who pays the prescribed sailing fee will be classified as a Sailing Member'. (It would seem that the Executive has the power to decide that members who chose to pay weekly race entry fees as well as those who pay the season entry fee, qualify as Sailing Members).
- **Clause 5.2(a):** delete this subclause. See proposed amendment to 10.3.
- **Clauses 6A.3 & 6.2:** delete `to any office or committee' & insert instead `to any Flag Officer position'
  - delete from last line the words 'may attend' & 'as an observer' & insert instead 'may participate in but not vote at'. (We need to give greater recognition to the presence of social members in the CYC).
- **Clauses 7.1 & 7.2:** delete both clauses. (They are anachronistic & unnecessary).
- **Clause 7.10:** delete reference to `Rear Commodore (Finance)' & insert instead `Secretary/Manager"
- **New clause 7.12:** `A person & their partner who at 24 March 1996 were members of the former Acton Football Club, as listed in appendix A to this constitution, shall be deemed to have been admitted to the Club as Honorary Life Social Members & they shall have all the rights & privileges of Social Members & shall not be liable to pay any further subscription.'
- **Clause 9.3:** delete the first & second sentences (Having to place membership applications on the noticeboard is unnecessary & is not consistent with practice in most other clubs.)
- **Clause 10.3:** replace the existing clause with the following ` Either the Commodore or the Vice Commodore & the Rear Commodore(Sailing) shall be elected from Members who have significant demonstrated sailing experience".
  - add the following sentence: 'The Rear Commodore (Training) shall be appointed annually by the Executive'. (An alternative would be for the Executive to have the power to appoint a Training Manager each year - in which case, there would be a consequential amendment needed to 10.1 to delete reference to the Rear Commodore(Training).)
- **Insert new clause 10.4 as follows:** `No candidate for a Flag Officer position shall be a bankrupt or a person who makes any general assignment of their property for the benefit of or by way of composition with their creditors'. (consistent with 33.1).
- **Insert new clause 12AA:** `There shall be a Race Support Unit (RSU) of not less than five members. The Captain shall be appointed by the Executive each year on the advice of the majority of members of the Unit & shall be a member of the Sailing Committee. The RSU shall, subject to any general policy of the Club or direction from the Sailing Committee, manage the use & maintenance of the Club support vessels & encourage members to acquire the necessary driving & rescue skills'.
- **Clause 12A:** delete all words after 'manage the Club' in line 3 & insert 'sail training programs in accordance with the AYF Sail Training Schemes."
- If the proposed amendment to 10.3 is not accepted, then in 12A, amend the word 'shall' in line 5 to 'may'.
- **Clause 16:** after the words `The Flag Officers....' insert `,except the Rear Commodore (Training),'.(Only necessary if proposed amendment to 10.3 is accepted.)
- **Clause 16.1 b):** delete all words after `and the nominee'. (The present wording is inconsistent with 24.2 & 24.2 sets out the proper process for advising members).
- **Clause 24.1:** delete the word `all' in line 2.
- **Clause 24.2:** delete line 1 & insert instead ` The Secretary/Manager shall at least 7 days before the holding of the AGM notify Members of the date thereof &'.
  - add after the words 'financial year' the words 'and any notices of motion duly given'.
- **Clause 24.3:** delete the word `other' in line1; after the word `notice' first appearing in line 2 add the words `advising of the business to be transacted"; & replace the word 'similar' with the word `advisory'.
- **Clause 28:** delete `whenever they deem necessary' & insert instead `at least once in every two months'.
- **Clause 40:** add the words `& the prescriptions and safety regulations of the AYF'.
- **Clause 45.2:** If the proposed amendment to clause 10.3 is agreed, this clause is no longer relevant & should be deleted.



CYC WINTER SERIES 1996

Canberra Yacht Club Winter Series commences on 19 May and continues on 2 June, 15 June, 30 June, 28 July and closes on 11 August. Start time is 12 noon not 1 pm as in the ACT program. Starts provided for Trailer Sailers and Dinghies, participation from Catamarans and Sailboards is welcomed. Contact Rear Commodore (Sailing) for information Phone: 2865281.

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- Quench your thirst with the broad selection of chilled, draught beer or the wide range of spirits.
- Take away is available at very reasonable prices, even more favourable on Friday afternoons during the beverage bonanza!
- Members and guests enjoy fun filled Monday evenings where wine, beer and spirits are raffled plus the "Lucky Member's Badge Draw" - that can go into thousands of dollars -is drawn for the lucky winning member. You must be in it to win it and there to share in the festivities.
- If you do not mind a casual tinkle, then the Canberra Yacht Club boasts a select range of the very latest gaming machines along with the golden oldies from $0.01 to $1.00 games.
- The Canberra Yacht Club is ideally suited for functions, birthdays, business and receptions, considering it's unique location and vast experience in this field. All you need do is enquire.

Remember, at the Canberra Yacht Club...

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1996 NEW SOUTH WALES STATE TITLES, LONG JETTY CENTRAL COAST

Long Jetty Sailing Club is located on the picturesque Tuggerah Lakes, just east of Gosford on the Central coast. The lake is huge, very similar in size and depth to Lake George, but without the fences. Thirteen Fireballs were contesting the 34 NSW State Championships with boats coming from Canberra, Kogarah, Middle Harbour, Gosford and New Castle. The programme was for eight races, two back to back short courses in the morning with a long course in the afternoon, seven to count.

The conditions were typical Canberra, light and variable with 0-3 knots for the first morning race and 3-10 knots for the second with a freshening sea breeze building to 15 knots for the afternoons long course races. The racing was very close with the lead changing often in each race as the breeze oscillate over the course. After six races with one drop 'Sheep on a Mission', Michael Leydon and Tamsin Cowap were one point ahead of 'Psychotic Simian', Keith Chidzey and Evan Smith with 'Teddy Bears Picnic', Steve Quinn and Dave Phillips third, (who were actually ahead overall without a drop), and 'Nothing too Serious', Matt Gillingham and Simon Mitchell fourth. Cullen Hughes and Guy Mitchell were fifth and sixth respectively.

Peter Foster was seen on the beach on Sunday giving the CYC members some useful tips, thanks Peter. Sunday night a southerly front came through with 50 knot rain squalls, thunder and lighting making Monday very uncertain as it was poised to be a big day with two races to sail and four boats in contention to win the championship.

The final two races were held in variable winds between 0 and 8 knots which saw the places change on almost every leg along with the championship leader. At the end of the day the winner was 'Sheep on a Mission', Michael and Tamsin, (1,7,2,1,1,4,1,2) from 'Psychotic Simian' Keith and Evan, (4,1,1,3,8,1,3,1) 'Teddy Bears Picnic' Steve and Dave (3,2,3,2,2,3,4,4) and 'Nothing too Serious' Matt and Simon, (2,3,8,6,3,2,2,3). The trophy for the first Junior went to 'Red October', Robbie Faults and James.

Canberra sailors again dominated the class with three in the first four and expatriates in fifth and sixth along with the top junior in the state. This all looks good for both NSW Fireballs and the Canberra fleet in particular. This result can be attributed to the constant fleet size of five and the close cooperation within the fleet. The new sheep boat has emerged from the jig and the second hull has been started which will mean two new wooden fireballs on the lake for this coming season.

NEWS FLASH

There is now a near new 'State of the Art' Young Marine Fireball on the lake and we wish Howard and family instant success in their new boat.

Fireballs, the action class for all levels of sailors....



THE CANBERRA YACHT CLUB (CYC)

As a licensed Club, the CYC enjoys one of the most attractive locations in Canberra. It provides a base for a range of water based activities including sailing events, dragon boats, Triathlons and radio controlled model yachts. Membership is available for persons who enjoy a lake view while they have a meal and a drink as well as those interested in sailing and other activities. The Club is also pleased to welcome members who may be interested in helping to run races and drive/ crew on (motorised) race support boats.

The CYC is open from noon each day and serves lunch and dinner Monday to Saturday. Parking is free and is readily available.

The Club's racing program is made up of four components:

- a Summer pointscore and championship series, on Sunday afternoons, from late September to early April
- a Twilight series at 6pm on Wednesdays, October to March (depending on daylight saving)
- a Cruising Division series on Saturdays, every second week, from late September to early April
- a Winter series on every second Sunday from May to August with special regattas on certain occassions including Trailable Yachts events, an opening of season regatta and a Canberra Day regatta.

The CYC also takes its turn with the YMCASC to run an ACT championship series in late November for a range of dinghy classes and is pleased to conduct other major events including Australian and State championships, by arrangement with the relevant Class Associations.

The racing groups/classes vary from year to year but the Club would expect to provide racing in the 1996/97 season for Contenders, Fireballs, Flying 15s, Lasers, Mirrors, Sabot dinghys and mixed fleet racing for trailable yachts, catamarans and any other dinghys that may wish to sail.

Racing is open to CYC members and to members of other recognised sailing clubs either through a season entry or by payment of appropriate fee on the day. Boat storage space for both dinghys and yachts on trailers is available, usually with a waiting list.

The Club is an accredited AYF training centre.

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ROD DALGLEISH - ADMITTED TO ACT SPORT HALL OF FAME

In a ceremony at Old Parliament House on 26 June 1996, long time CYC member, Rod Dalgleish, was admitted to the ACT Sport Hall of Fame along with other prominent ACT sportspersons including Herb Mc Eachin (basketball), James Galloway (rowing) and Bronwyn McCaskill (water skiing). Rod's admission to the Hall of Fame was supported at the luncheon by a table of his sailing colleagues over the years and current CYC and YAACT officials. Sir James Hardy was disappointed that he was unable to attend but in a note to Peter Forster he said the award to Rod was a 'BEWDY'.



Between 1942 and 1992 Rod had an enviable record of participation in yachting events at State, National and International levels, and in yachting administration, mostly achieved while pursuing a successful career as a public sector Engineer. He has been a Canberra resident since 1961, and in submitting his nomination to ACT Sports House, his achievements were summarised as follows:

International and National Level Achievements:

- Represented Australia at 8 International/ World championships (7 times in the 505 Class and once in the Flying 15 Class) with placings in the top 10 on 4 occasions and 3 further placings in the top 13, within fleets totalling 70 to 80 boats with representatives selected from some 20 countries.
  Competitors included well known top yachtsmen such as Sir James Hardy, Paul Elvstrom and John Cuneo.
- 2nd place in each of Pre-World Championship Regatta in Santa Cruz (USA), 1971/72 in 505 class and Rotterdam Sail Week Regatta in a borrowed 470 class boat in 1974/75.
- Australian championship placings:
  1st place on 3 occasions - in 505 class
  2nd place on 5 occasions - 4 in 505 class and once in Flying 15 class
  3rd place on 4 occasions - twice in each of Gwen 12 and 505 classes
- State championship placings:
  1st place on 12 occasions in Gwen 12, 505 and Flying 15 classes
  2nd place on 6 occasions in same classes
- 1st place, Gwen 12 class, Royal Sydney Anniversary Regatta 1963/64
- 1st place in Monaro Gold Cup and Zone Championship, sailed on Lake Burley Griffin in the 505 class with top skippers from NSW and Victoria on 14 occasions
- Club champion on Keepit Dam and at both Canberra Yacht Club and YMCA Sailing Club in several different classes on many occasions over the period 1960 to 1984.

Ocean Racing (Offshore)

As a member of Canberra Ocean Racing Club and the CYC, tactician, helmsman or skipper for 7 Sydney to Hobart races, 2 China Sea races, 3 Sydney to Noumea races, 4 Gosford to Lord Howe Island races plus a full calendar of Cruising Yacht Club of Australia races, in 4 different yachts, during the 7 year period 1983/84 to 1990/91, including the following highlights:

- tactician on board Australian representative yacht, `Brindabella', in China Sea Race and Kenwood Cup series in Hawaii.
- tactician and shared role of skipper on `Mercedes 1V' in Cruising Yacht Club Blue Water Championship finishing 1st overall and 1st in Division 1984/85; also 7th place across the line and 6th on handicap in Sydney to Hobart race
- tactician and helmsman on `Nadia 1V' in Sydney to Noumea race, 1986/87, finishing 1st across the line and 1st on handicap
- tactician on `Dr. Who' in Adelaide/Port Lincoln race, 1989/90, finishing 1st across line and 1st on handicap; also 1st on handicap in Sydney/ Lord Howe Island race on `Dr. Who'.

Retired from active sailing in 1992 when diagnosed with Leukaemia.

Sailing Related Administrative Activities

- Leadership role in establishing sailing on inland dam and water storage locations in NSW in the late 1950's and early 1960's especially on Keepit Dam. Life member of Keepit Dam Sailing Club.
- Member of General and Sailing Committees, Canberra Yacht Club 1961 to 1978 (CYC formed in 1959).

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★★★ NOTICES ★★★

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

(Start of Series or One of)

September 1996
• 21 Saturday
Cruising Division - Race 1 Series B.
• 22 Sunday
Schweppes Shortcourse Regatta.
• 28 Sunday
ANU Intervarsity Regatta

October 1996
• 5-7 Saturday-Monday
Contender Silver Cup.
• 7 Monday
Labour Day Holiday Marathon - for all comers.
• 13 Sunday
Sunsail Pointscore
• 30 Wednesday
Sunsail Twilight 1.

November 1996
• 2-3 Saturday-Sunday
NSW Trailable Yacht Regatta.
• 9 Saturday
COYA Lady Skipper
• 30 Saturday
ACT Dingy Championships.

December 1996
• 1 Sunday
ACT Dingy Championships.

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- Assisted YMCA Sailing Club of Canberra in its formative stages (1961 and after), providing advice and assistance on Club management and sailing administration.
- Member of Lake Burley Griffin (Sailing) Coordination Committee from its inauguration (in late 1960's) including Chair for at least 3 years.
- Canberra Yacht Club representative on Southern Zone Committee, Yachting Association of NSW for first 4 years of committee's existence.
- Member of Non Appeals Committee of Australian Yachting Federation for National and International regattas. Member of Protest Committees for 5 National and 2 World regattas as well as for many local events.
- Secretary for 2 years and President for 3 years, Australian International 505 Association. Awarded Silver Medal by International Association for services to 505 Class.

Tactical Compass Course

Interest in Rod Dalgleish's tactical compass course was excellent. In fact the course was full within two days from advertising. Those people nominated for the course are advised that Rod will be holding the course on 16 September 1996 at the CYC commencing at 1900 hrs. This course was delayed as Rod feels greater benefit will be achieved for participants if the course is held closer to the sailing season. As the course was limited in numbers, Rod will conduct a further course on 23 September 1996 at 1900 hrs.

If you missed the first notice about the course and, are interested in learning to sail faster, call David Kent on 273 1784 to register your name for Rod's second course.

ANNIVERSARY BALL

(Coincides with the 37th birthday of the CYC)

14 September 1996

Bookings and payment are required by COB 9 September 1996.

Dress: Lounge Suite or Black tie.

Class Associations & other groups within the CYC are encouraged to make up a table.

Working Bee - The Club Needs YOU!



A Working Bee is planned for 15 September 96. It is vitally important that the aesthetics of the club be enhanced for the sailing season where it is hoped that the following will be achieved:

- Painting of the white logs in the car park.
- Weeds removed from the boat storage area.
- Weeds removed from around the club house.
- Undercover boat storage area to be cleaned.
- Removal of rubbish to the tip.
- Ensure that the green and yellow buoys are operational for the season.

For your own safety, please bring gloves, a hat and if applicable eye protection gear. Also, kindly bring a shovel, rake, broom or paintbrush as appropriate for the area you intend to clean. If you can provide a trailer for the removal of rubbish to the tip, please let David Kent know on phone 273 1784.

Change of Phone Number for David Kent
Old: 018 118 304
New: 0412 118 304

Schweppes

Nominations For Executive - 1996/97

Commodore
Peter Foster

Vice Commodore
Stuart Manley

Rear Commodore - Sailing
John Kennedy

Rear Commodore - Training
Michael Leydon

Rear Commodore - House
Andrew Lockyer

Rear Commodore - Operations
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Rear Commodore - Finance
Simon Mitchell

Commodore's Report

Members have been kept in touch with what has been happening through the year with two issues of Newsflash and now, the third issue of The Canberra Yachtsman. It is not my intention to reiterate or attempt to summarise what has happened during the year but there are several matters that I do want to write about.

Since the May issue, we have set up working parties to advise the Executive on a strategy for the way forward for the CYC, and for a total review of the Constitution, work has begun on the Acton Sports Deck, and we have completed another Club financial year - and, from a trading point of view, on the right side of the ledger. The balance sheet and accounts are included in this issue of The Yachtsman. We have had our annual presentation night, and Rod Dalgleish, one of our longest standing members, has been awarded membership of the ACT Sport Hall of Fame.

The processes we have started, of developing a strategic plan and modernising the Constitution, are crucial to the future viability of the CYC. Neither process is likely to be completed before the AGM although their early progress suggests that we will have a report from the 'planning working party' sooner rather than later. The current Executive would hope that the incoming Executive will recognise the need for these two important tasks to be brought to their logical conclusions, with decisions on recommendations being made as early as possible.

As members will know, there are more than 80 licensed clubs in the ACT, plus the Casino. The club industry is highly competitive and small clubs have to find their niche in the market in order to survive against the big clubs - and it is clear that simply being a sailing club is no longer a viable proposition. The large clubs have shown their preparedness to offer huge incentives to their members in order to attract custom. The CYC has to rely on factors such as its unique location, on the shores of Lake Burley Griffin, the quality of service, and the fact that our members and their friends don't want the crowds and type of atmosphere associated with the big clubs. The Executive would encourage members to use the CYC as a place to eat, drink, and have a quiet flutter on the poker machines, with their friends, and to encourage family and friends to have their special occasions at the Club.

The Executive, on behalf of all the members, continues to be grateful to the staff of the Club for the high standard of service they provide. As is apparent from the balance sheet, the decision of the previous Executive for the Club to take over the catering has been vindicated by the financial outcome - and we have also established a reputation for quality meals at competitive prices. Our Secretary/Manager, Ron Sullivan, whose contract was renewed during the year, has developed an excellent team spirit among the staff, and has been able to rationalise the use of staff between the bar and the dining room, to the Club's advantage. And, the employment of an Operations Manager, and of David Kent in that role, have also proven to be valuable decisions of the previous Executive. David's major role, especially from the viewpoint of the long term future of the Club, is that of training. David and the Training Committee, have arranged and conducted a number of courses over a period of several months - but they will need increased support from members as instructors if we are to have an on going and viable training program. David's attention to the race support boats has been much appreciated by all users and our balance sheet has benefited from increased revenue from boat storage fees as a result of David's efforts.

The Executive has met regularly, each month during the year, as has the Sailing Committee. The other committees have met from time to time but it is clear that if we are to retain the current committee system, as specified in the Constitution, the roles of the House and Operations Committees in particular will need to be redefined - and this is one of the issues that will need to be addressed in the review of the Constitution.

Your attendance at the AGM on 26 August will show your continuing support of the CYC and will allow you to raise any issues that may be of special interest to you. Although Social members have no rights at the AGM (according to the Constitution), they have a vital part to play in the future of the Club and the Executive would welcome the participation of Social members in any discussions on that night.

Peter Forster

Rear Commodore Sailing Report

At the time of writing the Winter series has two more races to run and from comments I have received has been successful so far, with the weather treating us kindly. The dinghy fleet has been well supported by the Lasers and when exams have not interfered by the ADFA Tasars. With a few other classes from time to time. The provision of soup after the race has been popular and enjoyed by most competitors. While I was hoping to provide some sponsorship this did not eventuate.

Next years program has been substantially finalised and a copy is on the noticeboard. The Schweppes opening of season Regatta will be held on Sunday 22 September a noon start and the first Cruising Division race on 21 September a 2.30 pm start. The Cruising Division races will, as in past years, be run for us by the CCYA. On 28 and 29 September the ANU is running an Inter-Varsity event and on Sunday afternoon will be making provision for a CYC open event, timing to be announced, hopefully not clashing with the Rugby League Grand Final. Pointscore races start on 13 October with a 1.45 pm warning signal with sponsorship again provided by Sunsail.

The Sailing Instructions are being modified to allow greater flexibility in the provision of courses and will correct a problem that arose over the shorten course paragraph. We will also be trying to further standardise them so that we do not need separate instructions or specific alterations for some events. Other changes will allow for the provision of short course events on some days and the standard courses will be changed so that we all use the same rounding marks. The change to the rounding marks should avoid some of the more dangerous crossing situations. The sailing committee has also agreed to reduce the number of separate starts to five including catamarans. Division 2 is to be merged with Division 1 providing one trailer sailer start but we are looking at different ways in which to split the fleet to provide extra distance for the faster boats and a fifth lap is the preferred option. Our problem is that the faster boats are twice as fast as the slowest, any views will be welcome.

I will be nominating for office again for next year and if I am re-elected will be looking to share out responsibilities particularly to the two elected and two nominated members of the sailing committee and maybe there is a role for the classes to take responsibility for specific activities as the CCYA does for the Cruising Division races.

Consolidated lists of the results from last year are on the notice board in the club, and I hope to be able to keep a progressive running summary on the board for next season.

This is the last season of the current rule book, and there is some interest in sailing under the new rules from early next year in order to provide an opportunity for those competitors intending to sail in world championships next year to be not disadvantaged when competing against Northern Hemisphere competitors. The new rules as proposed, follow a different format and are significantly simpler and should be much easier to understand. A number of clubs in Australia have been sailing under the experimental rules, a simpler subset of the new rules, and have found them much easier to follow and they assure me competitors have had no problems in reverting to the old rules when sailing in regattas. Whatever happens the sailing committee will be organising courses to bring people across them.

The new rules should have been finalised by the IYRU Racing Rules subcommittee in June and are to be put up for adoption in September, as soon as I get further information I will place it on the notice board. For those with Internet connections information is available on the IYRU home page, although the last time I looked it had not been updated to advise on outcomes of the June meeting.

If you are over 29 would you please allow for the Masters games in your plans for later next year. Skippers and crews have to be over 30 to compete. A notice is on the notice board. It is anticipated there will be over 300 boats competing.

John Kennedy

Rear Commodore Operations Report

As another year passes we will remember this year as one of evolution at the Canberra Yacht Club. This particularly applies to the operations function that supports the sailing activities. We have had the significant benefit of our Operations Manager, Dave Kent who, as just one of his tasks, spent a considerable amount of time before the last sailing season repairing and maintaining our rescue boats to the high standard that the sailors and race coordinators now enjoy. Included in the upgrading of our fleet was the acquisition of a new engine for Lionhart. It is very pleasing to see this important aspect of the club now being managed on a professional basis.

John Wilkinson has again provided the sailors with untiring support and management of the race support unit and has been available to support the sailing on most race days. Thank you from all the sailors. It is rumoured that John, who enjoys watching the races from his power boat, seeing the sights on and around the lake that very few people have the pleasure to see, is considering the option of wind power. If John joins the sailing fleet, who will drive the rescue boat? What about you?

The club's boat storage is now in much greater demand than previous years and consequently we have increased the number of outside lots available to our sailors. You may have also noticed that the boats that were located on the grass paddock have been removed by the Department. We are currently reviewing the demand for our undercover boat lots with a view to meet increased demand.

Many of you will by now have noticed the construction of the new launching ramp and jetty. This will be a great asset to those sailors who don't like getting their feet wet, particularly this time of year. It is expected to be finished and available by the middle of August. We thank the department for this new facility.

Another improvement to the club that will be soon be under construction will be the new 'Acton Sports Deck'. This will be a very large external sun deck attached to the clubhouse. We owe considerable thanks to the Acton Football Club for making this enhancement to our club possible. What a great place to have a cleansing ale.

Peter Taylor

Rear Commodore Training Report

This past season has been very busy for both David Kent and myself as we came to grips with the task of planning, organising and performing the training. I cannot thank the willing people enough, who gave up their time and the use of their boats to assist the CYC in its promotion of sailing in the ACT. With out their help and support the courses simply would not have happened. With their support we were able to run the following courses:-

- 5 TL1 Adult courses which involved over 100 people.
- 4 TL1 Junior courses which involved over 70 children.
- 1 TL3 (Power boat) course with 11 attending and 4 completing.
- 1 TL4 (Inshore skipper) course with 12 participates.

A big thanks must go to Rod Dalgleish for running the advance racing/coaching courses on Friday evenings. Although this was not a certificated course the tips, enthusiasm and knowledge passed on by Rod were extremely valuable and I personally look forward to seeing Rod out on the water again this season. Thanks Rod.

The Sunday morning Junior sailing was well attended and it is our intention to have the fleet of Sabot's up and sailing for them this year and have some J3 racing.

A group of enthusiastic TL1 graduates spent a weekend sailing around Sydney Harbour on Nardia IV, thanks Teki, and really got a lot out of it. These same enthusiastic people can be seen sailing on the lake most race days either in their own boats or as permanent crews. Just this month four Canberra women attended the Women-On-Water Coaching Clinic in Sydney. Of the four, three were graduates from the CYC TL1 course conducted in November/December 1995. Way to Go!!

I would like to congratulate the two worthy recipients of the Training awards, well done Simon and Bisika.

This year we will be working just as hard if not harder as we have six TL1, and four Junior TL1, four TL2 (Racing), one TL3 (Power boat) and one TL4 (Inshore Skipper) courses scheduled. As always we are short on instructors particularly dinghy so all you budding instructors out there make yourself known to either David or myself as we will be running courses to qualify you as an instructor.

Michael Leydon

Secretary Manager's Report

I am delighted to report that the commercial decisions made last year have come to fruition and have turned the trading figures around to show a handsome profit for the year when compared to the last two years. This result also can be attributed to the quality of service provided by my staff whether they were working in the bar, the restaurant, the kitchen, the office or on the water. Their efforts in providing this service, in what can often be very demanding, are recognised as a valued resource of the CYC.

The boom in lunches was far greater than expectations and, due to such a strong demand you should now book for lunch to avoid disappointment. New gaming machines boasting the latest in technology have been installed in response to requests and are proving extremely popular. Friday nights also have flourished with the dinner dance seeing a change in the clientele attracted to the sounds of live music from the top bands of the ACT.

But it is what we have planned for the future that is really exciting. The Executive has authorised the development of a Strategic Plan that is aimed to bring the CYC into the twenty first century. The vision and strength of the group developing this plan has filled me with confidence that the CYC has a profitable future. The Acton Sports Deck also will enhance the CYC by providing a delightful area for those who choose to dine outdoors whilst enjoying the feel and the aesthetics of Lotus Bay. In addition, new clothing displaying the CYC's insignia will be available for sale which will again assist the promotion of sailing.

Winners are grinners and I congratulate them and all participants on their efforts whether that b sailing, running or rowing. The CYC also was a winner in its market niche of the industry and I thank all members for contributing to this result.

Ron Sullivan

Operations Manager's Report

What a year it has been - long hours but fulfilling. As the Rear Commodore's Operation and Training have already focused on results for the year, my report will highlight a few aspects of the year gone and a few insights into what is planned for the future.

Adult and junior training was pleasing as evidenced by the high retention rate. Special thanks to Rod Dalgleish and the many others who assisted in coaching and training of the students during formal sessions, Friday nights and Sunday mornings. You will be seeing more juniors sailing and racing at the club this season so if you can offer assistance, whether on the water or land, please do so.

Syndication - involving groups of trainees sailing and maintaining club owned boats - commenced this year and is proving to be very successful. It a delight to see the very enthusiastic trainees regularly using the training boats and enhancing their skills by keeping them well maintained.

So what else is planned for the 96/97 season? Training is taking on more impetus with courses planned under the Australian Yachting Federation's Proficiency Scheme; Racing Scheme; Powerboat Scheme and Yacht Cruising Scheme. Coaching also will be increased along with specialised courses.

Many, many thanks to those who helped me throughout the year. Your efforts are appreciated and will not be forgotten.

David Kent

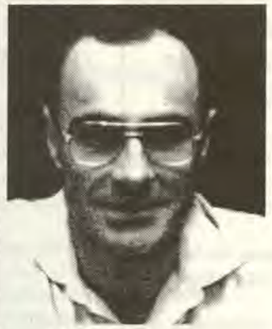
Sunsail

Congratulations

Don McMichael & George Meikle

the winners of our Sunsail Competition



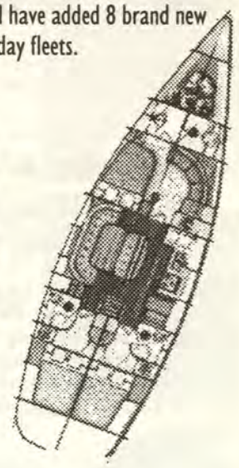


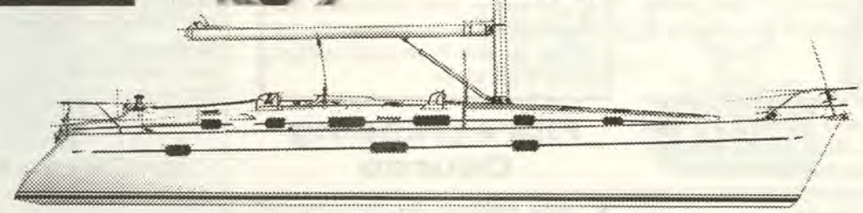
NEW YACHTS!

By the end of August 96 Sunsail will have added 8 brand new yachts to the fast growing Whitsunday fleets.
These vessels include;

Beneteau 50'	3 cabin
Beneteau Oceanis 461	3 cabin
Beneteau Oceanis 461	3 Cabin
Beneteau Oceanis 440	3 Cabin
Beneteau Oceanis 381	2 Cabin
Beneteau Oceanis 381	3 Cabin
Beneteau Oceanis 351	3 Cabin
Beneteau Oceanis 321	2 Cabin

Soon to arrive from our Turkey fleet is our Beneteau Oceanis 500 which has 4 cabins all with ensuite facilities







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ACTON FOOTBALL AND SPORTS CLUB FUNDS DECK FOR THE CYC



Cheque being handed to Peter Forster (Commodore) by Anna Tejeda (Director) of the Acton Football and Sports Club.

Approval is awaiting (at time of writing) from the relevant authorities for the building of a deck on the North East corner of the club - and at a function at the CYC on 22 June 1996, officials of the Acton Football and Sports Club presented to the Commodore (Peter Forster) a cheque for $18,000.00 towards the cost of the deck.

The club was represented at the dinner by our Secretary Manager and by Ailsa and Peter Forster. It was a nostalgic occasion for many of those present with the oldest member having first played football with the club in 1933. Representatives of various parts of the Australian Rules Football Code in the ACT were also at the dinner including the President and General Manager of the ACTAFL. In addition to the presentation to the CYC, cheques were presented to a range of football interests including ACTAFL, RAMS, Belconnen Juniors and the Queanbeyan club.

The CYC is most grateful for the contribution made by the Acton Football and Sports Club and looks forward to seeing our new Honorary Life members in the club from time to time.

First Aid Certificate Holders

The CYC is to establish a register of sailors and support personnel who hold a current First Aid Certificate. The register will be available to the Race Officer of the Day who will contact, in cases of emergencies, the closest available first aider on the water to assist the RSU crew if required.

Please phone David Kent on 273 1784 if you hold a current certificate and wish to be placed on the register.

Ever thought of obtaining a First Aid Certificate yourself? Phone David Kent on 273 1784 and if sufficient interest is shown he will make enquiries about a course being conducted at the CYC.

Jeff and Judy Armour Cruise the World

Jeff and Judy recently completed the building of their Grahame Radford 40' steel cutter (in June 1995) and are presently heading for Darwin to compete in the Darwin to Ambon yacht race. They then intend to cruise through Indonesia, Thailand, Sri Lanka, the Red Sea, the Mediterranean and then the rest of the world.

They are sailing under the banner of the CYC (sail number C2) and it is hoped we can keep in touch with them to hear of their exciting adventures. If anyone is interested in writing to Jeff and Judy, you can reach them at P.O. Box 14, Mawson ACT 2607.

Many CYC members will remember Jeff (and son Mark) as very successful Mirror dinghy sailors in the 1970's.

Race Support Unit Drivers Required

If you enjoy the water, have a hankering to drive a motor vessel on Lake Burley Griffin and like making many sailors very happy, then why not become a RSU driver.

You do not have to be qualified - we'll teach you.

All we need is your enthusiasm and commitment to what can be a rewarding and fullfilling past time. Please phone David Kent on 273 1784 for details.

Fibreglassing Course

Special thanks to Matthew Owen for conducting a fibreglassing course for trainees at the CYC. The students enjoyed the workshop dispelling their fear of working in this medium. Thanks Matti for providing such excellent tuition and making the night so enjoyable.

If anyone is interested in attending a course please phone David Kent on 273 1784.

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The Yacht Race Procedures Card

How many times have you needed to check the racing procedures prior to a race - only to find you don't have a set of sailing instructions or the Blue Book!

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Incredible value for $5.00

Phone Laurie McDonald on 254 1856 for further information or purchase.

Champion of Champions

Congratulations to Ben Lieske for winning the event 'Champion of Champions'.



Ben Lieske receives the Champion of Champions trophy from Tom Skewes Vice President of the Aust/American Assoc.

Major Club Awards



Yachtsman of the Year
Peter Russell



Club Member of the Year
Errol Cutler

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Crew Member of the Year
Mark Hopkins



Most Improved Senior
Tony Bird

Best Trainee
Bisika O'Sullivan



Junior Achievement
Simon Pietsch



Most Improved Junior
Jason Gillette



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For Service to the Club

Rod Dalgleish



Paul Fitzwarryne



Daphne Fullagar



Phillip Russell



John Wilkinson



AUDITORS REPORT

1996

TO THE MEMBERS OF

CANBERRA YACHT CLUB INCORPORATED

DAWSON & WOMACK
Chartered Accountants
PO Box 762
Civic Square ACT 2608

Telephone: 06 247 0700 *Fax: 06 257 3693*

To The Members

CANBERRA YACHT CLUB INCORPORATED

Independent Auditors' Report

SCOPE

We have audited the financial report of Canberra Yacht Club Incorporated for the year ended 31st May, 1996 as set out on the following pages. The Committee of the Club is responsible for the presentation of the accounts and the information contained therein. We have conducted an independent audit of the accounts in order to express an opinion on them to the members of the Club.

Our audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards to provide reasonable assurance as to whether the financial report is free of material misstatement. Our procedures included an examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial report, and the evaluation of accounting policies and significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion as to whether, in all material respects, the financial report is presented fairly in accordance with Australian Accounting Concepts and Standards, so as to present a view of the Club which is consistent with our understanding of its financial position and the results of its operations.

The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

Audit Opinion

In our opinion, the financial report is properly drawn up so as to present a true and fair view of the financial position of Canberra Yacht Club Incorporated at 31st May , 1996 and the results of its operations for the year then ended, in accordance with the Australian Accounting Standards and to comply with the provisions of the Associations Incorporation Act 1991 of the Australian Capital Territory.

Dawson & Womack

DAWSON & WOMACK
Chartered Accountants

Canberra

19th July, 1996

CANBERRA YACHT CLUB INCORPORATED

Balance Sheet

as at 31st May , 1996

	Notes	1996 $	1995 $
Current Assets			
Balance	7	43,233	48,320
Total Current Assets		43,233	48,320
Non Current Assets			
Property, Plant & Equipment	8	811,054	804,960
Total Non Current Assets		811,054	804,960
Total Assets		854,287	853,280
Current Liabilities			
Balance	9	153,025	138,954
Total Current Liabilities		153,025	138,954
Non Current Liabilities			
Balance	10	460,850	480,584
Total Non Current Liabilities		460,850	480,584
Total Liabilities		613,875	619,538
Net Assets		$ 240,412	$ 233,742
Members' Funds			
Accumulated Balance		233,742	268,062
Surplus / (Deficit) for the Year		6,670	(34,320)
Total of Members' Funds		$ 240,412	$ 233,742

CANBERRA YACHT CLUB INCORPORATED

General Profit and Loss Account

for the year ended 31st May, 1996

	1996 $	1995 $
Income		
Members Subscriptions	33,176	32,158
Boat Storage Fees	22,399	10,358
Door Fees, Recoveries and Club Insignia	1,880	8,670
Miscellaneous Income	11,336	8,647
	68,791	59,833
Add from Schedules		
Schedule No 1 - General Administration	(417,608)	(415,341)
2 - Bar Trading Account	98,024	121,467
3 - Sailing and Regatta Expenses	(21,302)	(13,444)
4 - Poker Machine Trading	162,232	175,277
5 - Dining Room Account	111,153	40,481
6 - Training Trading Account	17,201	10,353
Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	(50,300)	(21,374)
Provisions for Depreciation on Club Buildings	(11,821)	(12,946)
Net Surplus / (Deficit) For The Year	$ 6,670	$ (34,320)

CANBERRA YACHT CLUB INCORPORATED

Schedule No 1 - General Administration

for the year ended 31st May, 1996

	1996 $	1995 $
Advertising	18,175	14,311
Accountancy Fees	4,800	8,040
Audit Fees	5,750	5,700
Badges and Badge Draws	3,530	5,314
Bank Charges and Federal Tax	11,067	8,074
Borrowing Costs	1,076	1,080
Consultants	670	922
Cleaning and Laundry	31,892	31,817
Club Magazines	7,389	4,925
Depreciation	7,578	5,874
Electricity and Heating	11,426	12,905
Entertainment	28,642	34,617
Flag Officers Expenses	1,113	1,634
Fringe Benefits Tax	834	1,247
Hiring of Equipment	1,974	2,376
Insurance	18,324	13,116
Interest - Bank	63,767	59,722
Land Rent	3,601	1,800
Lease Costs	2,278	0
Legal Fees	420	557
Long Service Leave Provision	2,230	2,184
Motor Vehicle Expenses	4,848	4,903
Office and Miscellaneous Costs	6,754	11,132
Printing, Stationery and Stamps	7,895	8,513
Rates	7,970	12,922
Repairs and Maintenance	20,275	27,039
Security	6,055	9,933
Subscriptions and Journals	2,214	2,233
Superannuation	22,327	15,056
Staff Amenities	5,068	4,764
Telephone	12,307	9,581
Wages	95,359	93,050
Transfer To General Profit & Loss Account	$ (417,608)	$ (415,341)

CANBERRA YACHT CLUB INCORPORATED

Schedule No 2 - Bar Trading Account

for the year ended 31st May, 1996

	1996 $	1995 $
Gross Sales	414,450	457,202
Less Cost of Sales		
Opening Stock on Hand	11,840	7,746
Purchases	165,673	174,495
	177,513	182,241
Less Closing Stock	10,343	11,840
	167,170	170,401
Gross Profit	$ 247,280	$ 286,801
Less Expenditure		
Depreciation - Bar Equipment	1,200	1,200
Gas, Electricity and Heating	12,475	12,868
Insurance	5,641	2,685
Laundry, Cleaning & General Expenses	272	4,572
Licence Fees	14,626	16,724
Repairs and Maintenance	8,646	12,435
Wages	106,396	114,850
Total Expenses	149,256	165,334
Net Profit Transferred to General Profit and Loss Account	$ 98,024	$ 121,467

CANBERRA YACHT CLUB INCORPORATED

Schedule No 3 - Sailing & Regatta

Profit and Loss Account

for the year ended 31st May, 1996

	1996 $	1995 $
Income		
Government Grants	2,000	0
Operations Fees	710	0
Sailing Fees	11,318	8,202
Sponsorship	4,860	0
Total Income	18,888	8,202
Less Expenditure		
Depreciation - Boat & Sailing Equipment	5,037	5,515
Sponsorship and Grants	1,000	200
General Sailing Expenses	1,819	4,921
Trophies and Regatta Expenses	9,080	3,098
Repairs and Maintenance	7,220	5,635
Insurance	0	1,700
Volunteer Expenses	244	577
Wages	15,790	0
Total Expenditure	40,190	21,646
Net Loss Transferred To General Profit and Loss Account	$ (21,302)	$ (13,444)

CANBERRA YACHT CLUB INCORPORATED

Schedule No 4 - Poker Machine Trading

for the year ended 31st May, 1996

	1996 $	1995 $
Poker Machine Takings	272,931	324,671
Less Expenditure		
ACT Poker Machine Tax	40,553	53,619
Amortisation - Leased Asset	5,906	0
Bonus - Cashcade	2,179	14,162
Data Processing	3,538	3,460
Depreciation	36,073	50,841
Licence Fees	17	337
Repairs and Maintenance	15,349	17,888
Wages	7,084	9,087
Total Expenses	110,699	149,394
Net Loss Transferred To General Profit and Loss Account	$ 162,232	$ 175,277

CANBERRA YACHT CLUB INCORPORATED

Schedule No 5 - Dining Room Account

for the year ended 31st May, 1996

	1996 $	1995 $
Catering Income	452,410	64,231
Less Cost of Sales		
Opening Stock On Hand	3,923	
Purchases	152,828	24,632
	156,751	24,632
Less Closing Stock	3,424	3,923
Cost of Sales	153,327	20,709
Gross Profit	$ 299,083	$ 43,522
Rental Income	0	30,375
Room Hire	6,750	9,665
Gross Profit	$ 305,833	$ 83,562
Less Expenditure		
Depreciation	1,800	1,800
Electricity and Heating	9,870	6,331
Repairs and Maintenance	793	2,602
Sundry Expenses	23,241	4,983
Trade Waste	3,009	2,093
Wages	155,967	25,272
Total Expenses	194,680	43,081
Net Profit Transferred To General Profit and Loss Account	$ 111,153	$ 40,481

CANBERRA YACHT CLUB INCORPORATED

Schedule No 6 - Training Trading Account

for the year ended 31st May, 1996

	1996 $	1995 $
Training fees	26,562	14,699
Less Expenditure		
Depreciation on Equipment	865	0
Equipment	0	231
On Water Services	6	0
Training Costs	3,056	1,690
Wages	5,434	2,425
	9,361	4,346
Net Profit Transferred To General Profit and Loss Account	$ 17,201	$ 10,353

CANBERRA YACHT CLUB INCORPORATED

Notes To and Forming Part of the Accounts

for the year ended 31st May, 1996

1 The Club operates as a sporting club at Yarralumla, Australian Capital Territory.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Historical Cost Convention and do not take into account changing money values or current valuation of non current assets. Unless otherwise stated, the policies adopted are consistent with prior years.

2 **Depreciation**

Depreciation is calculated using the reducing balance method so as to write off the net cost of each fixed asset during its expected useful life.

3 **Bank Loans**

Westpac Banking Corporation Loan has secured, by a Registered first Mortgage, the Club property at Yarralumla and a floating charge over the assets and undertakings of the Club.

4 **Income Tax Expenses**

The income tax exemption under s 23 (g) (iii) of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1936 was obtained in 1986. The Taxation office have advised that the exemption will stay in force, unless there is a change to the objects of the club, or a change in the way the Club operates.

5 **Stock**

Stock is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

6 **Membership Subscriptions and Room Hire**

Membership subscriptions and room hire income are recognised as income during the year in which they are received.

CANBERRA YACHT CLUB INCORPORATED

Notes To and Forming Part of the Accounts (Continued)

for the year ended 31 May, 1996

	1996 $	1995 $
7 **Current Assets**		
The Balance is included as follows:		
Cash	14,454	15,563
Sundry Debtors and prepayments	11,223	13,530
Precharged Loan Interest	2,825	1,624
Stock - Bar	10,343	11,840
Dining Room	3,424	3,923
Insignia	964	1,840
	$ 43,233	$ 48,320
8 **Non Current Assets - Property, Plant and Equipment**		
Land at Cost	76,341	76,341
Lotus Bay Clubhouse at - Cost	617,975	609,190
Less Provision for Depreciation	(120,890)	(109,069)
Club Boats - at Cost	60,838	60,838
Less Provision for Depreciation	(38,124)	(33,840)
Sailing Equipment - at Cost	10,726	7,109
Less Provision for Depreciation	(5,905)	(5,152)
Plant and Equipment - at Cost	168,926	167,501
Less Provision for Depreciation	(112,261)	(104,039)
Poker Machines - at Cost	354,127	328,805
Less Provision for Depreciation	(228,797)	(192,724)
Motor Vehicles - at Cost	2,000	0
Less Provision for Depreciation	(1,568)	
Training Equipment - at Cost	9,102	0
Less Provision for Depreciation	(1,780)	
Poker Machines under Lease	26,250	0
Less Provision for Depreciation	(5,906)	
	$ 811,054	$ 804,960

CANBERRA YACHT CLUB INCORPORATED

Notes To and Forming Part of the Accounts (Continued)

for the year ended 31st May, 1996

	1996 $	1995 $
9 **Current Liabilities**		
The Balance is included as follows:		
Secured		
Bank Loans - Note 3	25,296	22,685
Bank Overdraft	27,410	28,894
Lease Liability	6,914	0
Unsecured		
Trade Creditors	58,371	40,549
Loan - Orix Australia Pty Ltd	22,005	38,120
Employee Benefits	13,029	8,706
	$ 153,025	$ 138,954
10 **Non Current Liabilities**		
The Balance is included as follows:		
Secured		
Bank Loans Note - 3	176,267	450,913
Unsecured		
Debentures	10,490	10,510
Loan - Orix Australia Pty Ltd	24,093	19,161
Commercial Bills	250,000	0
	$ 460,850	$ 480,584
11 **Remuneration of Auditor**		
Amounts received, or due and receivable for the audit of the Club's accounts	5,750	5,700
	$ 5,750	$ 5,700

No other amounts were received by the Auditors.

CANBERRA YACHT CLUB INCORPORATED

Notes To and Forming Part of the Accounts (Continued)

for the year ended 31st May, 1996

	1996 $	1995 $
12 **Statement of Cash Flows**		
Cash Flows from Operating Activities:		
Receipts from patrons	1,254,032	963,905
Payments to Suppliers and Employees	(1,089,386)	(860,136)
Interest paid	(58,982)	(38,260)
Net Cash Flow from Operating Activities - Note B	$ 105,664	$ 65,509
Cash Flows from Investing Activities:		
Payment for Plant and Equipment	(72,071)	(14,489)
Net Cash Flow from Investing Activities	$ (72,071)	$ (14,489)
Cash Flow from Financing Activities:		
Repayment of Loans (Orix)	(11,183)	(49,693)
Increase in Commercial Bills	250,000	0
Repayment of Term Loan	(272,035)	(31,275)
Net Cash Flow from Financing Activities	$ 33,218	$ (80,968)
Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash Held	$ 375	$ (29,948)
Cash at Beginning of Year	(13,331)	16,617
Cash at End of Year - Note A	$ (12,956)	$ (13,331)

CANBERRA YACHT CLUB INCORPORATED

Notes To and Forming Part of the Accounts (Continued)

for the year ended 31 May, 1996

	1996 $	1995 $
Notes to the Statement of Cash Flows		
A **Reconciliation of Cash**		
Cash on Hand	14,454	15,563
Bank Overdraft	(27,410)	(28,894)
	$ (12,956)	$ (13,331)
B **Reconciliation of Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities to Operating Loss:**		
Operating Profit/(Loss)	6,670	(34,320)
Depreciation and Amortisation	70,280	78,568
Change in Assets and Liabilities:		
Increase in Other Current Liabilities	24,736	26,531
Decrease in Other Current Assets	3,978	(5,270)
Cash flow from Operations	$ 105,664	$ 65,509

CANBERRA YACHT CLUB INCORPORATED

Statement By Management Committee

In accordance with the Associations Incorporation Act 1991, the Management Committee of Canberra Yacht Club Incorporated state the following in regard to the financial year ended 31st May, 1996.

a The names of the Management Committee members during the financial year were:

Peter Forster, Stuart Manley, John Kennedy, Michael Leydon, Simon Mitchell, John Tracey, Peter Taylor

No Management Committee member received either directly or indirectly any fees, salaries, bonuses or any other remuneration with the exception of Simon Mitchell whose Company provided, at commercial rates, the Accounting services for the Club.

b The principal activity of the Club during the financial year was:

Operation of a licensed club and promotion of sailing.

During the year there was no change in the principal activity.

c The result of the association's operations for the year was a surplus of $ 6,670.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Committee.

Commodore *Committee Member*

Statement by Principal Accounting Officer

I hereby state that the attached financial statements of Canberra Yacht Club Incorporated are properly drawn up in accordance with the Associations Incorporation Act 1991 and with Australian Accounting Standards, so as to fairly show:

The result of the Club for the year ended 31st May, 1996.
The state of the affairs of the Club on that date.

Simon Mitchell
Rear Commodore - Finance

Canberra

The Canberra Yachtsman Survey

Last year the CYC spent over $10,000.00 to produce and forward to members copies of the Canberra Yachtsman. The club in reviewing the effectiveness of the publication needs your help in deciding how we should communicate with members in a cost effective manner.

Please tick the appropriate box for your response and return to the CYC by either handing to the office, mailing or faxing the form.

1. **How important is it to you that the CYC provides a Canberra Yachtsman Newsletter (comprehensive publication) or a Newsflash (short articles)?**

Newsletter		Newsflash	
Very Important	☐	Very Important	☐
Important	☐	Important	☐
Not Important	☐	Not Important	☐

2. **How often should a Canberra Yachtsman Newsletter or Newsflash be published?**

Newsletter		Newsflash	
Not at all	☐	Not at all	☐
Monthly	☐	Monthly	☐
Quarterly	☐	Quarterly	☐
Six Monthly	☐	Six Monthly	☐
Annually	☐	Annually	☐

3. **What type of article do you wish to be included in the Canberra Yachtsman** *(tick as many as required)*?

Record of Events		☐
Reports from Flag Officers		☐
Advice of Forthcoming Events		☐
Profile of Club Personalities		☐
Reports from non-sailing events		☐
From affiliations within the club *eg. Dragon Boats, Triathetes, etc.*		☐
Sailing Articles:	Technical	☐
	Health	☐
	Fitness	☐
	Nutrition	☐
	Rules	☐

Other: *(please specify)*.....

4. **If you saw the May and/or August issues of the Canberra Yachtsman Newsletter:**

Did you feel that the May issue was: Length of Publication:		Did you feel that the August issue was: Length of Publication:	
Too Long	☐	Too Long	☐
Just Right	☐	Just Right	☐
Too Short	☐	Too Short	☐
Article Length:		**Article Length:**	
Too Long	☐	Too Long	☐
Just Right	☐	Just Right	☐
Too Short	☐	Too Short	☐
Advertising:		**Advertising:**	
Too Much	☐	Too Much	☐
Just Right	☐	Just Right	☐
Too Little	☐	Too Little	☐
Presentation Quality:		**Presentation Quality:**	
Very Good	☐	Very Good	☐
Satisfactory	☐	Satisfactory	☐
Poor	☐	Poor	☐

Did you read the May issue:		*Did you read the August issue:*	
Cover to cover	☐	Cover to cover	☐
Selectively	☐	Selectively	☐
If selectively, What articles did you prefer?		*If selectively, What articles did you prefer?*	
.....		.....	
.....		.....	
Did you rate the May issue as:		*Did you rate the August issue as:*	
Highly Informative	☐	Highly Informative	☐
Current	☐	Current	☐
Not Current *(at time of reading)*	☐	Not Current *(at time of reading)*	☐

5. **Survey Profile** *(do not answer if you feel it invades your privacy)*

Sex:	Male	☐
	Female	☐
Membership Type:	Ordinary Member	☐
	Sailing Member	☐
	Honorary Member	☐
	Social Member	☐
	Other	☐
Age:	Less than 18 years	☐
	18-24 years	☐
	25-54 years	☐
	Greater than 54 years	☐

6. **Do you have any skills that may be of use by the CYC: ie; Race Support Unit, Training, Working Bees, Building, Welding, Carpentry, Administration, Writing, Publishing etc?**
   Yes ☐ No ☐

7. **Are you interested in attending a Members Meeting to discuss the future of the Canberra Yachtsman?**
   Yes ☐ No ☐

If you answered Yes to either question 6 or 7, please phone the office to register your name, skill and/or interest in attending the members meeting.

Please return this form by 30 September 1996 by either handing to the office, via post or fax (06) 273 2984.

If posting, please place into an envelope and mail (no stamp required) to:

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The Canberra Yacht Club
Mariner Place
Yarralumla A.C.T. 2600

Thank You for your time in completing this survey

Canberran Yachties WOW Sydney-Siders

A first for Women-On-Water (WOW), a coaching clinic dedicated to women sailors was held in July '96 at the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, Rushcutters Bay in Sydney.

Four Canberra Yachtswomen attended the WOW Sailing Clinic sponsored by NORTEL Australia Pty Ltd. Julie James, Irene Jaunzemis, Sara Kennedy and Bisika O'Sullivan participated in the clinic gaining valuable knowledge and greatly enhanced their sailing skills.

Sue and Murray Waters, conducted the clinic, stretching the thirty women participants in all aspects of sailing. Sue who is the reigning world champion in J24s having won the Nations Cup used her experience in designing the clinic. She included goal setting, choosing a crew and boat, cost analysis, training programs, down wind trim and steering, nutrition, fitness training, mental training and on water tuning, strategies and tactics. It was proved that the potential for Canberra Women to tap into women's regattas conducted both in Australia and overseas is limited only by their enthusiasm and desire to compete.

Canberra sailors will further benefit from the four women who will pass on this knowledge to other sailors during locally run training and coaching clinics.

The WOW Nortel Asia Pacific Womens Regatta is to be held on Sydney Harbour during 9 - 14 February 1997. The regatta will be conducted in J24s and is open to women who can get a team of six together. *WOW - any takers?*

Flying Fifteen News

The ACT fleet is currently consolidating its members with the introduction of several new members. Steve Steere has bought a well known Victorian boat, Reliance VII and Teki Dalton is the new owner of the evergreen Rollingstone. Both will bring experience and youth to the class.

Peter Fullager has been waving the class flag in competing in all races of the current series. Some members are taking an advantage from the break in sailing by undertaking boat repairs.

The forthcoming Flying Fifteen ACT titles will be held during Easter 1997 instead of the traditional period before Christmas. Recent low participation rates has forced the break from tradition and the rescheduling will enable greater local and interstate participation.

Arrangements are currently underway to hold an interclub regatta between Lake Jindabyne Sailing Club and the CYC. There is a smal but enthusiastic fleet at Jindabyne and it is hoped that some Canberran boats will make the journey during November.

Several new initiatives are being developed which will help current and potential members of the FF fleet. The first is a new-look professional approach training program aimed at lifting individual performance. The second initiative is the recent purchase of a Flying Fifteen Warriuka by the class association. Warriuka is currently being restored and will be handed over to the CYC to be used in its training program.

Peter Fullagar

Schweppes.

Laser News

Some good news in the Laser Fleet. Last season has shown a very promising growth in the number of boats joining the class which rose to 12 since the season commenced last year; and I know of three more who are likely to join us next season. The class now has a very mixed bunch of talented sailors across the full range of experience which allows for some spirited racing regardless of the level sailed. Two of the many that come to mind are Simon Pietsch sailing 'Brumby' who is not only our youngest sailor, but is one who is giving the more experienced sailors quite a bit of bother around the course - and not only on starboard! Simon won the "most improved junior" award for the CYC. The other is Andy Muirhead sailing 'Muskoka' who also won the second Sunsail point series. There are others too of course but Ed only gives me room for a few words.

It has been a very successful year for the Lasers, and all is poised for one just as good next year. Till then, see you on the lake.

George Meikle

SAILING INSTRUCTORS REQUIRED

The CYC needs more sailing instructors for both adult and junior courses. You do not need to be an expert or have competed in any major sailing events. We need people who have a genuine interest in sailing and who have the desire to pass on their skills and knowledge.

David Kent on phone 273 1784 would welcome your call. Also, any comments that past trainers, trainees and observers may wish to make would be helpful.

AYF Blue Books 1993 - 97 are available from the office at the drastically reduced price of $8.00

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GRAND OPENING

Canberra Yacht Club Proudly Invites You

Members and guests are invited to come and help us celebrate the Grand Opening of our new ACTON SPORTS DECK and join in the celebrations on Sunday the 13th of October starting from 11am.

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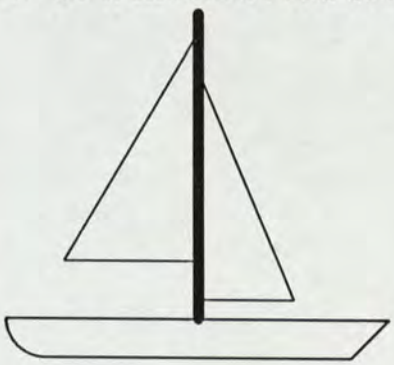
Brunch 11am- 2pm There will be a special brunch out on the new deck with lots of delicious food to tempt your tastebuds. There will be bagels, croissants, danishes, pancakes, bacon, eggs, hashbrowns and sausages.

Adults - $10.00p/p
Children - $2.50 p/p

In the unlikely event of rain, come anyway and we will serve you inside.

Model Yacht Club 1pm The Canberra Model Yacht Club will be having special races in Lotus Bay for everyone to watch and enjoy. They will be racing for prizes that will be presented to them in the club after the races. So it should be lots of fun!



Happy Hour Prices 12pm-2pm Just for you to enjoy the day further the Club will have Happy Hour Prices for two hours.

Sailing 2pm The Sunsail Pointscore 1 - series A will be held on Sunday the 13th of October as well. So the Acton Sports Deck will be a perfect vantage point to watch all the sailing

This will be a great family day with lots of fun to keep everyone entertained. **WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!**

CANBERRA YACHT CLUB

NEWSFLASH

November, 1996

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CYC Contact Names and Numbers
Secretary Manager: Ron Sullivan
Office Administrator: Petrina Shee
Operations Manager: David Kent
CYC telephone number, including restaurant and function bookings: 273 1784
CYC fax number: 273 2984

Acton Sports Deck

Thankyou to all those members who came to help us celebrate the grand opening of our new ACTON SPORTS DECK on Sunday the 13th of October. For those who came it was a most enjoyable day and the weather was perfect. There was definately a wonderful ambience to be enjoyed and it was a great family day. As members will be aware the building of the deck was made possible by a donation from the ACTON Football and Sports Club. Surely, this must be the best outdoor entertaining area in the Canberra region and we hope that members and their friends find this new facility to their liking.



Christmas '96



Yes, Christmas is almost upon us once again, so it is time for parties and loads of fun. There are plenty of Christmas parties happening this year at the CYC, but there is still room for your office or work Christmas party.

AND...

Don't forget Christmas Day at the CYC, for that traditional Christmas feeling. It is a fantastic family day when Santa Claus comes to give presents to all the children. And what is Christmas Day without plenty of great food, bonbons, lollies, nuts and Christmas cheer. You'll find all of these within the ambience of our Christmas celebrations. ***Book Now!!***

AGM YAACT 18 Nov '96

The Yachting Association of the ACT has notified its AGM for 7.30pm on Monday 18 November 1996 at the CYC. The YA fulfils an important role on behalf of yachties in the ACT, including representing us at the Australian Yachting Federation. It is important that sailing members of the CYC show their support to the YAACT by participation in its activities,including the AGM.

New Executive for CYC

As a result of the AGM held on 26 August, your executive is now made up as follows:

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** As there was no nominees for this office at the AGM, the Executive has exercised its prerogative and appointed Errol.*

At the AGM, the Commodore acknowledged the contributions made by the retiring Flag Officers, Peter Taylor and John Tracey, and thanked those who had agreed to serve for another year. Also, the Commodore was presented with a pennant marking the 25th year of the Canberra Cruising Yacht Association.

Wanted - Mentor for Junior Sailors

Discover or rekindle the feeling of being wanted, needed and revered by children. How? Become a mentor and help our junior sailors to grow and mature into adult sailors.

When: Sunday Mornings from 11.00am

The Sailors produced by the CYC Sailing School are at a level where to progress to a competitive standard they may need your assistance. To assist them successfully, they need somebody who is patient, understanding, reliable but most of all someone who enjoys seeing children happily overcome the challenges of sailing.

Please think about it and call me to discuss what possibilities await our next generation of sailors. Maybe now is your time!

David Kent
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November QCM 25 Nov '96

All members are invited to participate in the November quarterly meeting on 25 November starting at 8pm. Only (so called) full members may vote on substantive motions but any comments/contributions from social members will be most welcome.

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Monday Night Badge Draw

Get ready for some fun and excitement on Monday nights. As soon as the latest badge draw is won, there is going to be a slight change on Monday's with the lucky badge draw. Don't worry though, it'll only be more exciting and there will be more prizes to win. So come and join in the fun and see what it's all about!!

Move Over Gents - here come the Ladies

The available space in the ladies change room has been virtually doubled, and the decor has been improved, thanks to the efforts of the Russell family, with help from the Laser group. In order to make this improvement, we had to encroach a little on the men's space - but ladies facilities have been inadequate for many years and the change is more than justified.

What the Canberrra Yacht Club has to offer you...

The Canberra Yacht Club has six areas available for every occassion.

- **The Gaming Lounge** - *for a bit of fun.*
- **The Akarana Lounge** - *for that private function.*
- **The Dorothy Norris Lounge** - *for a quiet drink.*
- **The Lotus Bay Lounge** - *for a great bistro meal.*
- **The Sailor's Bar** - *for that special occassion.*
- **The Restaurant** - *for white table service.*

ROOM HIRE IS WAIVED FOR MEMBERS

PLUS *- Brunch every Sunday from 11am inside or on our new deck.*

PLUS *- Bands and dancing every Friday night.*

PLUS *- MONDAY NIGHT BADGE DRAW AND WINE RAFFLE*

AND *- The best views in Canberra.*

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Sail Promotions and Training Manager

Instead of an Operations Manager we now have a Sail Promotion and Training Manager! The person in the job is the same, that is David Kent - but, after seeing such a job in operation for some 12 months, the Executive reviewed the priorities and decided that the new title reflects what we want to achieve. And this leads into another important matter.

We need the help of more members in providing a viable training programme. To explore ways of getting greater member involvement, the Commodore looks forward to chairing a meeting of lots of interested members with sailing experience on Thursday 28 November at 5.30pm at the CYC. I am sure that we all know that the future of sailing is in the hands of younger and new sailing members and we are looking for the help of the current members in creating that potential future for the CYC. Come to the meeting on 28 November and talk with members of the Executive about how we can provide more support to David Kent and Michael Leydon, our Rear Commodore (Training), in the CYC training school.

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Twenty New Sailors Join the CYC

Congratulations to the twenty people who recently completed the September CYC Sailing School courses. The wind and water tested all students and I am pleased to say that each passed with a High Distinction.

Way to go!!

Special thanks to the instructors who gave their time, boats or both to assist this course. I very much appreciate the dedication and support provided so willingly by instructors, particularly during our September courses.

So, if you are looking for someone to accompany you sailing - give me a call to provide you with names of students who are keen and eager to sail, but hurry, some have already accepted placements on boats.

Anniversary Ball

Unfortunately, the Anniversary Ball planned for 14 September could not proceed due to lack of numbers - but it was great to see that most of the 30 or so who had booked in still came to the Club on that night and we had a great dinner-evening together. Thanks to those members for their support.

CYC Constitution Update

A working party has been established with a view to creating a new constitution for CYC. In particular the Club's management and its membership categories are being addressed.


Canberra Yacht Club Sailing School
Teaching you the ropes...
Australian Yachting Federation
Approved Training Centre
Safety Equipment Supplied
AYF Certificate Provided
***PLUS* FREE Use of Dinghys**
Adult Courses planned for November, January, February, March & April
Junior Courses planned for the Christmas Holidays
CYC Sailing School
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Working Bee

On 15 September some twenty plus members and friends turned out early at the Club to help tidy up the grounds and undertake some maintenance and construction work with our hard working Commodore setting the example.

The efforts of all those who assisted is very much appreciated as it keeps the Club grounds looking good and saves money by completing various maintenance tasks and improvements. This benefits all of us and when the next working bee is arranged it would be good to see the support of more members.

Major tasks completed on the 15th included improvements to storage facilities in the training and petrol sheds, a clean up of the boat park area and tidying the car park and garden.

Again, thanks to all those who lent a hand.

New Years Eve

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Hoist And Sail

The sailing season will be well underway when you receive this. May I say thankyou to all our competitors for the ease of implementation of the revised sailing instructions and the new class groupings. - Some minor hiccups but generally all has gone well. Our numbers are up with more season entries. A season entry is a good buy.

After racing, provisional results are placed on the notice board and inconsistencies should be drawn to my or Peter Russell's attention. Corrections will be made, if necessary. A protest is not needed for obvious errors.

May I draw to competitors' attention the advertising requirements of the sailing instructions and the AYF category 'E' specifications. We will have to protest yachts that do not comply. Similarly, with sail numbers. We have tried to make the requirements as easy as we can in the sailing instructions.

CBH for trailer sailers have been placed on the notice board. Could TS owners please check they are included.

Classes/Divisions are now being asked to provide drivers for the race support boats. We have run two training programs and are prepared to put on additional courses as the need arises. Unfortunately, we do have to cover costs so there will be a $30 charge. We are introducing a BBQ after sailing on the first Sunday in the month and a Christmas BBQ with Santa on 15 December. We also have a Brunch before sailing on Sundays and will be having the usual buffet bar after twilight racing on Wednesday. A group of us are also trying to restart a yachties get together on Friday evenings. The Club already runs a happy hour on Fridays from 5 to 6 with free nibblies etc, and we have an opportunity to run a meat raffle to help junior training. With good support for these, we will be able to make them successful and help to revitalise the sailing side of our Club. We do urgently need somebody to assist junior racing on Sunday afternoon. The main tasks are to lay a short course and provide advice and assistance to get our juniors up to speed. Please contact me or David Kent if you can help.

John Kelly

Survey Reminder

Thankyou to all those members who have returned the survey we sent out to you. Some very useful and interesting suggestions have been made and are much appreciated. Still, there are a lot of members who have not returned the surveys. We would really like to receive your completed surveys so that we know how best to improve the Club for you. The CYC is interested in anything you might like to comment on. Even if you are happy with the Club at present, we would like to know that too! If you have lost your survey, we have spares in the Club.

FRIDGE DOOR

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Monday 18 Nov 1996	AGM for YAACT at CYC - 7.30pm
Monday 25 Nov 1996	QGM at CYC - 8pm
Thursday 28 Nov 1996	Viable training programme meeting at CYC - 5.30pm
Tuesday 3 Dec 1996	Communication Improvement meeting at CYC - 5.30pm
Sunday 15 Dec 1996	Must hand in the (advertising and improvement) survey by this date or before
Wednesday 25 Dec 1996	Christmas at CYC
Tuesday 31 Dec 1996	New Years Eve at CYC

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU SOON!

NEWSLETTER

4 DECEMBER 1996

SOUTHERN CROSS NEGOTIATING PURCHASE OF CANBERRA YACHT CLUB

The Canberra Southern Cross Club and the Canberra Yacht Club have entered negotiations for the purchase by the Canberra Southern Cross Cross of the Canberra Yacht Club.

The parties have agreed that the Canberra Southern Cross Club will have exclusive right for a period of 120 days to purchase the business of the Canberra Yacht Club.

It is the intention that the Yacht Club will become a sponsored group of the Canberra Southern Cross Club, providing support to the sailing activities.

Negotiations with the various interests including government will take place in order to make satisfactory purchase arrangements.

The Yacht Club president Peter Forster, said that the Canberra Yacht Club will continue to service the local community and will concentrate on the development of the yachting programs.

President of the Canberra Southern Cross Club, Joan O'Neil, said, the Canberra Southern Cross Club took seriously its obligation to members and the community at large and the resources of the Canberra Southern Cross Club could be a substantial catalyst for further development of both the yachting activities and licensed club.

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR MEMBERS OF THE CANBERRA SOUTHERN CROSS CLUB AND THE CANBERRA YACHT CLUB.

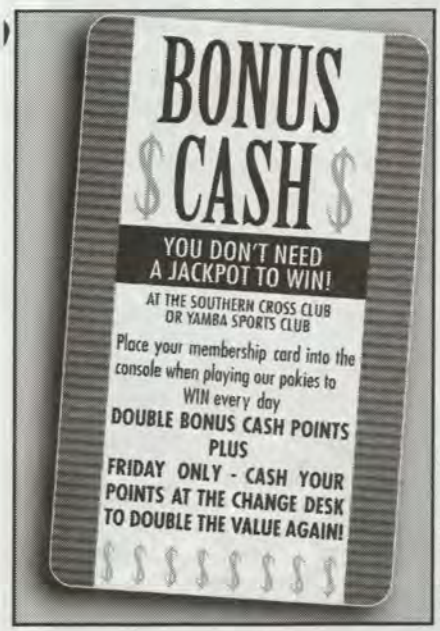
The directors of the above Clubs advise their members that they are presently investigating the purchase by the Canberra Southern Cross Club of the business of the Canberra Yacht Club.

The investigation process should not take longer than 90 days to complete and a decision to proceed with the purchase would only be taken if it can be in the best interest of all the members of both clubs.

Members will be promptly informed regarding the decision, and, where appropriate, the purchase would be subject to member's ratification.

Joan O'Neil
President
Canberra Southern Cross Club

Peter Forster
President
Canberra Yacht Club



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NEW YEAR'S EVE

TOP OF THE CROSS

DINNER DANCE

"After Hours" presents a Baby Boomers' special. Headed by Paul Marshall, "After Hours" will be performing many of the great hits of the 50's, 60's and 70's.

Dinner and Dancing $28 per person

Dinner 7.30pm Dancing from 8.30pm

MENU

"Wipe Out" Smoked Chicken Salad with Maui, mayonnaise & pinenuts

or

"The King's Own" Seafood salad with tangy "Gracelands" sauce

"Rock a Billy" Roast Beef with vegetables & mustard seed sauce

"The Big Bopper" Chicken Breast filled with asparagus & brie cheese in filo pastry with "Buddy Holly" sauce.

"Be Bop" Chocolate Mud Cake with double cream & wicked chocolate sauce

or

"Tutti Frutti" Fresh fruit Pavlova.

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Sailing Newsletter - 11 December

Sunday 15 December

On Sunday after sailing we are holding a BBQ on the deck. Prices are reasonable, the same as the lunch time menu, from $5 Sausage, Rissole and Bacon through $9 for a Sirloin Steak or Char Grilled Prime Rump, steak I assume but maybe from the last person ashore, to $12 for marinated King Prawns. For the younger ones (under 12) we are able to provide a Sausage/Rissole Hamburger at $2.50 if this is all they want. **Please book well in advance.** Our drink prices are $5 for a Carafe to $10.50 for a bottle of Club wine with more expensive wines available for those who want it. Just a reminder before anybody asks, our licence **does not allow** BYO and watch the breathalyser, they have already targeted Alexandrina Drive recently.

Tonight - ~~Downstairs in Sailors Bar~~ No Upstairs on Deck

After tonight only one more Twilight to go before the Christmas break and only one more Sunday pointscore. I trust everybody has enjoyed the sailing so far this season and may I on behalf of the executive wish everybody successful sailing over the Christmas break. May good fortune extend to all taking part in National Championships and may those aiming for World's selection achieve their wishes. Please keep me advised of results, fax them to me at the club or email to 'jken@pcug.org.au'.

Out of town success

Last weekend our trailable yachts achieved success in the NSW Championships on Botany Bay with all entrants putting up creditable performances. Peter Taylor achieved a first and Stewart Manley was third, at the same time on Sydney Harbour Hugh Stodart and Matty Owen were second in the 505 regatta. I sometimes wonder why Peter keeps going away with the stories he has to tell on his return. Sailing flat out downwind with visibility of no more than 20 meters in a thunderstorm, surging past boats that had taken their sails down for safety, fortunately finding the buoy after relying on a compass bearing taken just before the storm hit, then reaching to the next mark worrying about whether they will find the mark or the airport runway first. Just as luck would have it the sun came out just before they reached the mark. Matty the world traveller is giving LBG a rest this week as he is off to Auckland with the 18 foot skiffs today. Maybe we can have a quiet beer tonight!

Australia Day Weekend 25 - 27 January

Sponsorship of ACT Trailable Yacht Championships

Benefits of the proposed relationship with the Southern Cross Club are already beginning to flow with the Club able to provide between $500 and $1,000 in prize money sponsorship for the ACT Trailable Yacht Championships. At the same time as the Trailable Yacht Championships we will be running the 'Hyatt Hotel' Magic 25 Regatta.

For some heats the races will be combined but there will be three additional short-course races for the Magic 25's over the weekend.

The Sailing Committee has cancelled the proposed Regatta on Monday 27 January due to lack of support from the classes with many people sailing away from Canberra that weekend.

Division 1, 2 & 3 Club Championship Heats

The revised dates for Division 1, 2 and 3 Club Championship races are now on the notice board see the revised CYC Sailing Program. The last heat is still to be finalised but now looks as though it will be in April.

Major Promotional Activity - 26 January

As advised at the last sailing committee meeting , on 26 January there is a major promotional opportunity for classes. The organisers of the Australia Day celebrations would like there to be some sailing activity on central basin. What has now been proposed is that some of the classes operate from the beach and a new jetty that is to be constructed at regatta point, depth of water 2.6m on outside edge, to take people for a sail. Somehow or other we will arrange a rescue boat. This is an excellent opportunity to promote sailing and your class to the wider Canberra Community. Classes could include Mirror, Laser, Fireball, Flying Fifteen, Taser, Catamarans and any others that wish to participate. I am looking for a coordinator as I will be busy as OOD of the Magic 25 Regatta. Would class reps please get back to me and could somebody volunteer as coordinator to assist me in organising it. I have to have an answer this week as I can not put off the organisers for much longer, they need to finalise activities.

Short Course Regatta - 12 January

It is possible I will be away then so I am looking for an organiser. We also need a rescue boat driver and committee boat driver as nobody has indicated to Roger Textor that they will be available. If there is no response we will be forced to call it off.

Just a reminder to Classes and Associations

While the issue has been addressed in the sailing committee several times I thought I ought to bring it to all members attention. Notices of Race and Sailing Instructions for events being undertaken at the CYC have to be cleared by the Rear Commodore (Sailing) well before the event takes place. Several have been presented very late which has meant I have been unable to circulate them to the sailing committee for consideration and some have been issued before clearance. This is unacceptable to the Club and could have adverse consequences on the organisers if there was an accident resulting in an insurance claim, so please, please let me have your drafts well in advance.

John Kennedy
Rear Commodore (Sailing)
Ph (06) 286 5281
Fax (06) 286 7581
11 December 1996

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SAILING ADVICE - 18 December 1996

TONIGHT - On deck BBQ - Last orders 8.45pm.

CANCELLATION OF EVENTS IN JANUARY

12 January 1997	Proposed Short Course Regatta is Cancelled
27 January 1997	Proposed Australia Day Regatta is Cancelled

Next Races

Sunsail Twilight	Wednesday	15 January 1997
Sunsail Pointscore	Sunday	19 January 1997

As from 15 January 1997 the sailing instructions will be modified to allow for a different starting time for Catamarans. In order to speed up the starts it is suggested we go to a 3 minute starting sequence with the Catamarans of first followed by the trailer sailors then dinghies. Could you please consider the 3 minute option and advise me of your views.

I shortly hope to have a copy of the 1997 - 2001 ISAF Rules of Racing and will be working to implement them for club racing as soon into the New Year as possible.

As we start to review the way we do things for the next half of this season and particularly for next season I would greatly appreciate receiving any views and comments from competitors and non-competitors, members and non-members on how we could change our policies and practices to make sailing at the CYC and in Canberra more attractive. Some of the questions I need answers to relate to our method of rewarding sailors. Are bottles of Port to winners and by draw still appropriate, are glasses appropriate for Sunday sailing, would gift vouchers be more attractive, what should the quanta of awards be to retain peoples interest. Do the types of courses we provide meet your needs. Any ideas at all on how we could make sailing more attractive and get more people on the water both racing and socially are needed. Should we be putting on an end of season regatta as well as the champion of champions race what incentive would be needed to make a regatta successful.

Any comments and/or suggestions can be left in my box in the office or faxed to me on 286 7581, email jken@pcug.org.au. Or to the Club on 273 2984.

Once again all the best for Christmas and the New Year and every success in your National Championships.

John Kennedy
Rear Commodore (Sailing)

PS. Please don't forget our sponsors 'Sunsail' ph 02 9955 6400 when you want to charter that yacht. Charters in Sydney, Whitsunday's and around the world.

CANBERRA YACHT CLUB
TWILIGHT SERIES 1996 -97

COURSES

PLEASE READ THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS TO DETERMINE HOW MANY LAPS YOU COMPLETE.

ASSISTANCE FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEK.

The winning boat in each division (skipper and crew) are required to assist with running the race on the following week. Each skipper so assisting will be given an entry that will count towards the sunsail draw and the after race drawn prizes. Skippers are to approach John Kennedy (Rear Commodore Sailing) after the presentation to discuss arrangements. He should be contacted ph 286 5281 on the Tuesday or Wednesday prior to the race to confirm arrangements.

GENERAL INFORMATION

At the presentation following the race where there are **4** or more starters in a division one (1) prize (a bottle of port) will be awarded based on finishing order (cbh or yardstick), other prizes will be awarded by draw - you have to be present (or still unrigging or in the showers) to receive a drawn prize and you have to collect it in person before it is redrawn. If a junior wins a prize, a cyc glass will be substituted for the port.

The club is providing a self service low cost meal in the club after the race (usually upstairs) we hope to see you in the club after the race.

This year we will not be competing with the triathletes for food they have moved their competition to Thursday night.

I hope you enjoy the series and I look forward to receiving any comments on how we could improve things for future weeks either on the water, onshore or in the club.

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Ph 286 5281.

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Sailing News - 3 to 9 March 1997

Twilight series

I hope everybody is enjoying the twilight series, numbers are 24.5% up on last year, so maybe we have got the formula right. We only lost one week (so far) due to high winds and only one week was badly affected by rain and little wind when only seven people went out. If you have any ideas on how we could improve it for next year please let me know.

The twilight series is now drawing to an end and plans are under way for the presentation dinner. Information about the dinner is attached. For the draw for the Sunsail prize "a Yacht Charter in Sydney or Pittwater" you have to have competed in 10 races during the series. A consolidated list of results is now on display, could you please check this in order to check your eligibility. It has been double checked against the entry forms but there still could be errors, there is a slight error in the calculation of points for a DNF. The draw numbers shown are only indicative as these are updated each week and the final numbers will not be available until after the start on 19 March.

This year there are two extra prizes available by draw for boats that are represented at the dinner. As last year you only have to have helped run a race or competed in one race, either the skipper or crew have to be present at the dinner. Names will be taken off the dinner registration sheets so please make sure you have indicated you will be coming. Due to the long weekend would you please make sure you indicate as soon as possible if you will be attending to ensure catering arrangements run smoothly.

Winter Series - Commences Sunday 18 May at 12 noon.

May I now extend an invitation to all competitors to come and join in this series.

On Monday, the sailing committee briefly discussed the format for this years Winter series and draft notice of race and sailing instructions were circulated for finalisation at the next meeting. As last year what is proposed (only proposed) is a similar format to the twilight series but modified to pick up the suggestions made during this years twilight series. (ie 4 laps for catamarans, 2 laps for slower trailer sailers slower dinghies and beginners/trainees). It seems to work well and brings everybody home at about the same time. Last year we followed the twilight series format and had a significant increase in numbers sailing. What do you want, please let me know so we can meet as many competitors needs as we reasonably can.

Another suggestion, yet to be considered, is that we should extend the Winter series with racing every fortnight up to the start of the summer season, the purpose being to pick up on the better winds experienced in August and September providing better training for

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FLYING FIFTEEN COMPETITORS

CYC Competitors competing in the normal CYC Sunsail Pointscore race on Sunday 13 April are reminded that normal CYC entry requirements will apply ie sign on on the CYC Flying Fifteen entry sheet and payment of the CYC entry fee for non-series and non full season entry competitors. Entry in the Flying Fifteen ACT Championships does not meet with the provisions of the CYC Sailing Instructions for the CYC pointscore series.

Flying Fifteen Championship entrants who have not been competitors in the CYC Sunsail Pointscore Series are are asked to retain the integrity of the CYC's Pointscore competition by not entering in the pointscore race.

The CYC's understanding is that there will be a seperate entry form for the Flying Fifteen Championship series.

CYC POINTSCORE ENTRANTS FROM THE FLYING FIFTEENS WILL HAVE TO ENSURE THEY SIGN ON ON BOTH SHEETS. THE ACT FLYING FIFTEEN CHAMPIONSHIPS LAST RACE IS BEING RUN IN CONJUNCTION WITH AND NOT AS PART OF THE CYC POINTSCORE SERIES.

CYC POINTSCORE SERIES COMPETITIORS

Competitors should note that the last race of Flying Fiftenn ACT Championship is being run in conjunction with the CYC's pointscore race. When agreeing to this we were given assurances that this would not effect the CYC's pointscore competiton. Normal starting times and procedures should apply.

The Laser class is responsible for the pointscore series and carries responsibility to provide the OOD. As discussed with the Laser class rep and the Flying Fifteen Association. The Flying Fifteen association will be providing a person to assist with coordination (Paul Fitzwarren) and an additional driver (John Wilkinson) has been organised. No other arrangements have been approved by the sailing committee.

John Kennedy
Rear Commodore (Sailing)

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23 June 1997

Dear Member

As I am sure you are aware, the Canberra Southern Cross Club has agreed with the Canberra Yacht Club to take over the operations of the Yacht Club. It is anticipated that this will take place on or about 30 June. It has also been agreed that the Canberra Southern Cross Club will assist the conduct of sailing by supporting the operations of the yacht club. The Yacht Club will be a sub club of the Canberra Southern Cross Club, for the purpose of developing and promoting the sport of sailing in the ACT.

The purpose of this letter is to seek your membership renewal for 1997/98.

What does this mean to members of the Canberra Yacht Club?

Most importantly, we still have a Club! - and as we will no longer need to attend to the commercial side of the licensed Club, we will be able to concentrate fully on maximising the enjoyment of those who participate in sailing.

As a current member of the CYC, you are automatically a member of the Southern Cross Club until end December 1997. You will therefore have access to

Canberra Southern Cross Club (Woden)
Canberra Southern Cross Club (Tuggeranong)
Yamba Sports Club
Eligibility to join 40 other sub-clubs within the organisation

The fee for renewal of your Canberra Southern Cross Club membership after December 1997 will be $10 for singles and $12 for families.

How do you remain a "Sailing Member" of the Yacht Club?

In order to continue to have sailing and voting rights at the Canberra Yacht Club, & sailing rights with other Clubs, you will need to pay an additional fee to become a Sailing member of the Yacht Club. That fee will be used to cover the basic costs of providing services to you as a member.

By way of background, I should say that as a result of work undertaken by a sub committee of the Sailing Committee, our Rear Commodore Finance, and others, we now have a much clearer picture than we have ever had before of what it costs the Club to provide its racing program for members. Suffice to say, we have been undercharging for some years, and our costs have been increasing, so it is inevitable that there should be a price adjustment. In addition, the sailing program includes some new elements designed to increase your enjoyment of sailing.

Yacht Club membership will be $45 for each adult (including the $15 YA ACT levy) & $10 for each student or junior (includes $2 YA ACT levy). There will be no separate country membership. The race entry fees for 1997/98 will be $7 per race ($3.50 for students/juniors), or an all up season entry fee of $135 ($67.50 for students/juniors). The "all up fee" includes the following:

Sailing Days	**Number of Races**
Sunday - Summer (includes 6 regattas)	24
- Winter	7
Wednesday - Twilight	18
Friday - Summer (free to members)	14
Saturday - Cruising	13
	76

You should renew your Canberra Yacht Club membership now to retain these entitlements, by completing and returning the form attached.

If you are a Life Member or an Honorary Life Social Member of the Canberra Yacht Club you will automatically retain YACHT CLUB membership on the same basis as previously. You may of course, join the CSCC if you wish. (Life members need to pay race entry fees in order to race with the Club).

Some members of the Canberra Yacht Club may have already received a membership renewal notice from the Canberra Southern Cross Club. Please disregard that notice. A computing error occurred during the renewal processing and those notices did not apply to current Canberra Yacht Club members.

Welcome Aboard!

The Board of Directors, Management and Staff of the Canberra Southern Cross Club Limited have asked me to extend a very warm welcome to you and they look forward to working with us to develop further the facilities at the Yacht Club.

Yours sincerely

Peter Forster
COMMODORE

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Sailing News - 12 March 1997

Twilight series

As I said last week if you have any ideas on how we could improve the series for next year please let me know.

Revised information about the dinner. Dinner is entree and main - revised info is attached. You must advise if you are coming.

Due to the long weekend would you please make sure you indicate as soon as possible if you will be attending to ensure catering arrangements run smoothly.

The list for the dinner is available in the tower and after the race in the club house. Please enter skipper's name as this list will be used for the draw for the $100 and $50 gift vouchers.

Please check the results list. It has been double checked against the entry forms. The draw numbers shown are only indicative as these are updated each week and the final numbers will not be available until after the start on 19 March.

This week's winners will be required to help next week as I will need to go and work out the draw as soon as entries are completed.

Marley Point - Congratulations to our Winners.

Winter Series - Commences Sunday 18 May at 12 noon.

Mid August - September series - We are considering running a series to give people an opportunity for additional experience in the better winds.

John Kennedy
Rear Commodore (Sailing)

CANBERRA YACHT CLUB

SUNSAIL TWILIGHT SERIES
END OF SERIES DINNER and PRIZE DRAW

19 MARCH 1996 - 8.00 pm

The end of the Sunsail Twilight series presentation Dinner will be held at the Canberra Yacht Club at 8.00pm following racing on Wednesday 19 March 1996.

The dinner will cost $15 per head and will include *entree* and main course ~~and desert~~. The usual arrangement with two alternative meals will apply. If anybody has any special needs eg vegetarian, please advise when booking. **Please either complete the sheet provided at the Tower on 5 and 12 March or advise the CYC office by 12 noon at the very latest on Tuesday 18 March if you will be attending.** Please ensure the booking is under the name of the skipper to ensure they go into the supplementary prize draw.

Prior booking is essential. A reduced price applies to children 12 and under - *$6 main only.*

The prize draw for the Sunsail prize of a holiday on Pittwater will be held during the dinner. Please note as per the sailing instructions "Skippers, or their representative approved on written request to the sailing committee, have to be present to be eligible for the Sunsail prizes."

Don't forget to book your worldwide yacht charter holiday's through Sunsail mentioning the CYC to ensure we maintain this sponsorship. Please also get your friends to do the same.

If a skipper is unable to be present, a short note in writing addressed to Rear Commodore (Sailing) is required nominating who their authorised representative is and giving reasons so the sailing committee can consider the request.

There will also be a draw for two additional prizes $100 and $50 open orders on Bartondale, sponsor of our sailing instructions. The only requirement to be eligible for these is to have **competed or officiated in one,** yes thats right only one, twilight race, to have **booked in for the dinner and be present on the night at the draw**, skipper or regular crew has to be present for these prizes.

A list of competitors and their eligibility is available, while this has been double checked against entry forms it is competitors responsibility to check the accuracy of the list. You have to have entered and started in 10 races to be eligible for the Sunsail draw.

Again this year **Pirate Rig is the order of the day**, who can out do Paul Fitzwarryne's effort of last year, unfortunately to comply with health regulations and to give everybody else a chance, live birds are not allowed at the dinner.

The dinner for the Sunsail Pointscore series will be held on 13 April 1997.

John Kennedy
Rear Commodore (Sailing)
6 March 1997

Sailing Members, Canberra Yacht Club

We are now in a position to put new arrangements in place for the management of our on going sailing program and I look for your help in effecting a smooth transition until such time as we can negotiate a Constitution to meet our new needs.

2. As you will appreciate, what has basically been the role of the Sailing Committee now becomes the substance of the role for what I have called, for the sake of a name at this stage, an Activities Management Committee. I would very much hope that, for the sake of continuity and experience, some of the existing Sailing Committee members will be able to continue to be involved. In looking at what we need for the new style committee, tradition suggests we should maintain an office of Commodore but I don't believe we need a string of other Flag Officers. I would suggest there is value in entrenching a position of Immediate Past Commodore - not, I hasten to add, because I especially want to continue my involvement but because we need to ensure a degree of continuity from one year to the next (and that will be particularly important this year, because of the CSCC relationship etc) - together with several elected members (about 8 would be the right number), one of whom would be designated as Treasurer.

3. In my idea of a Constitution, the committee would have the authority to set up whatever structure it wishes and to co opt members as necessary for particular tasks. The tasks we need to undertake lend themselves to several small working groups, to be coordinated by a small executive headed by the Commodore. The range of tasks would include the following:

- each of Sunday racing - Summer, Wednesday racing, Friday sailing, Saturday/Cruising races, Sunday racing - Winter, and Regatta and championship events (with a *small* Sailing Committee being designated to deal with any issues that might arise)
- RSU
- Sailing promotion/PR/Member liaison
- Training and coaching and junior promotion
- Finance
- Moorings and boat hoist
- Boat storage/boat parking/storage areas
- YAACT

I hasten to add that I don't envisage one committee member per task - such a committee would be far too large - but, rather, acceptance of responsibility by each committee person to take on board the management of one or more tasks.

4. We need to supplement the ranks of the current Executive in order to carry on the work that is necessary in order for us to continue our activities. **I seek your support by attending a meeting at 5.30 pm on Tuesday 29 July** to identify volunteers who might join us to work for the future of our Club. Unless we have sufficient help, we won't be able to implement a program of sailing. If you cannot attend but would like to help, please let me know beforehand.

5. I would also take this opportunity to remind you, if you have not attended to the matter already, that memberships are now due. At the same time as you renew your membership, you may also wish to pay the season entry fee and apply for boat storage (there is a waiting list and we will be giving priority to those who use their boats on a reasonably regular basis). .

Peter Forster
Commodore

14 July 1997

CYC ANNUAL REPORT *1996/97*

When I was re incarnated as Commodore in August 1995 (after 3 previous terms, from 1974 to 1976), I had no expectation that I would be involved in `selling off the farm' and nor did my colleague Flag Officers. But having done so, we firmly believe that we have acted in both the best short and long term interests of our Club. We now have an opportunity that would not otherwise have been available to us to concentrate on building the sport of sailing at the Yacht Club and in the ACT generally without the distraction of having to be the directors of a licensed club .

The outcome of the events of the past 12 months is well known to members but some key points should be made in this annual report. At the AGM last year, I was able to report that the Executive had accepted an offer from a local developer to explore, at no cost to the Club, prospects for redeveloping our site. In the event, redevelopment was not a viable proposition and we pursued a suggestion that we might be able to become part of the Canberra Southern Cross Club Limited. We had our first meeting with officials of the CSCC on 25 October 1996 and, at least from my perspective, after many further meetings, much paper work, some sleepless nights, and a lot of hard and supportive work by Ron Sullivan, and Peter Head and his team from the SCC, we signed an `agreement for sale of business' on 29 May 1997. Final settlement occurred on 30 June, after a well attended meeting of members on 28 June ratified the arrangements. Our Club Solicitor, Rod Badgery, was most helpful and supportive throughout the process. We are now registered as ACT SAILING INCORPORATED, as from 14 July 1997, with the Southern Cross Club allowing us to trade under the name of CANBERRA YACHT CLUB. I should also say that against this background, the Executive sought, and was granted, permission under the legislation to defer the AGM of the Club beyond the normal August date.

For the record, it should be said that with the combination of such factors as an aging and deteriorating Clubhouse, our financial situation and a general malaise in the ACT caused by the severe cutbacks in the Federal Public Service, which affected the club industry generally, we would only have survived as an organisation with help such as that given us by the CSCC.

As members will be aware, we have carried too much debt for too long in relation to our turnover and to member numbers/member use of the Club. The financial problems had a long period of gestation leading up to the start of our negotiations with the SCC. The records show that the level of debt increasing from $18,000 in 1977/78 to $614,000 in 1995/96 with bank interest charges increasing over the same period from nil to $64,000 p.a. Over that 19 year period, we made a profit in each of 8 years and a loss in the other 11 years, resulting in an aggregate loss of some $1,750. Major decisions that added significantly to our level of indebtedness were

- the 1980/81 loan to finance a major remodelling of the Clubhouse - followed by an unanticipated rise in interest rates to a high of 23% in 1985/86!
- the 1993/94 loan to finance internal improvements to the Clubhouse, especially the upstairs toilets - a long overdue improvement! - and to finance the purchase of the lease of the site of our Clubhouse.

With the bank having given notice in 1996 of the need to repay our loans over the next 5 years as well as to service them, we had little chance of survival on our own.

The sale of the Club was a difficult and time consuming process. It was not always feasible to consult with or inform the members of what was happening but having secured the general support of members at quarterly general meetings in each of November, February and May, we proceeded to the ultimate conclusion. And even while we were still in the negotiation phase, we saw the benefits to the Club facilities and decor of an injection of both funds and expertise, including weather proofing of the Acton Sports Deck during the warmer months, and, since settlement, many of us have admired the newly sealed carpark. I am confident that over the years, Club facilities will continue to be improved for the benefit of members and their guests while we, the sailors, concentrate on what is the main game for us, hopefully with a breadth of vision appropriate to our relationship with the most successful club in Canberra.

We have already had to make some hard decisions consistent with our changed status. In particular, we had to `bite the bullet' in the setting of our fees, for membership and racing, against a background of uncertainty about our finances in the future. In doing so, we endeavoured to have regard to anticipated costs before fixing prices. With the total separation of the sailing operations from the business side of the Club, the finances involved on the sailing side should be clear to us all in the future, whereas in the past, sailing related income and expenses were all part of the total pool.

We have had to think through what the best compromise arrangement would be for managing the transitional period, for instance, to put in place a current membership list and a viable constitution leading to the election of a new committee. The new committee will need to continue to think through the best arrangements for the future, now that we don't have a Secretary Manager to keep an eye on the legal requirements, manage the paper work, records of meetings etc. And, we need to work together as a group of members with a common interest to look urgently at ways of better spreading the load and perhaps, identifying different ways of doing things to meet our new circumstances, so that we improve sailing for our members and so that no one member of the committee bears too great a load. In particular, we should not assume that the traditional ways of doing things are necessarily the best ways for the CYC in 1997/98.

One challenge for us in the immediate future is how we deal with the grant from the CSCC of $150,000 over a period of 2 years for the purchase of `equipment' - a grant to be used to promote sailing to residents and tourists in the ACT. The grant is seen as being part of the ACTIVE AUSTRALIA initiative announced by the ACT Government in July 1997, and is one from which the SCC will, not unreasonably, expect a return on their investment.

Another challenge for a new committee is to rationalise a regular arrangement to communicate with our members. It was one of my personal disappointments this past year that we did not have any issues of The Canberra Yachtsman or of our Newsflash. The production and issue of such publications is expensive and there was no way that we could have justified the necessary expenditure during the past 12 months. However, in my view, communicating with members on a regular basis, and recording contemporaneously, our activities and other news is an important part of our Club.

In relation to more mundane but no less important matters, your Executive met on 16 occasions during what became a 14 month `year' of office . Unfortunately, due to business and personal reasons, Errol Cutler was unable to carry out the role of Rear Commodore Operations from early in the year. John Kennedy resigned as Rear Commodore Sailing from 30 June 1997 and was replaced by Paul Fitzwarryne, by appointment of the Executive. Andrew Lockyer resigned from 14 August because there is no longer a role for a Rear Commodore House with our new arrangements.

As already indicated, the task of the Executive has been a real challenge over the past 14 months, with significant decisions having to be made affecting the future of the Club. Time didn't allow us to become too involved in the sailing activities and we are grateful to the Sailing Committee for ensuring those activities were managed efficiently. I am grateful to the members of the Executive for their personal efforts and for their considerable forbearance in circumstances where I was not always able to consult with them before making commitments on behalf of the Club. Stuart Manley deserves a special mention because this will be the last of a continuous period of 5 years as a Flag Officer, having served in three different capacities and with three different Commodores. I am personally grateful to Stuart for remaining as Vice Commodore during the past two years.

There have been numerous other helpers during the year in a range of different ways. I am not game to try to identify them all by name but I can say that the Club as a whole is most grateful to those members who helped at working bees, in running our sailing and training activities and in making their boats available to assist in our training and sailing promotion occasions.

Consistent with the need to keep sailing at the Yacht Club in the public eye, we have been on the lookout for stories that would appeal to the media, and, with a degree of effort on the part of a couple of us, virtually all the stories we have drafted have been taken up, with photos on occasions. It is in our interests to continue this type of media coverage - but, of course, it is up to us to spot the story ideas and to write them up.

Member numbers at 30 September, 1997 totalled 310, including 73 life members, 12 juniors and 3 student members. It is difficult to make a direct comparison with membership numbers for last year, because we have changed the basis of membership. But, last year, 213 adult members paid the full membership fee, with 84 of those paying the family rate to include at least a partner. In addition, there were 36 Country members, 80 Life members, 15 Intermediate and Junior members who were active in sailing and 44 not active. We paid YA ACT affiliation fees for 311 members (including the 44 non active juniors), whereas this year, we have collected the YA affiliation fee from 221 adult and 15 junior and student members.

By way of a reminder, the rules under which we all race require, in rule 46, that there shall be on board each boat racing a member of a Club affiliated with a State/Territory yachting authority. With better access than we have had previously to a valid membership list, race officials will be encouraged to confirm that each entrant in our races is a member of the CYC or another recognised Club. Those who crew regularly

in CYC races are also encouraged to contribute to the sport of sailing by joining the CYC for the modest fee of $45, which includes the YA ACT affiliation fee..

The staff of the Club have been a delight to work with and I am most impressed with the level of dedication shown by all members of staff. Ron Sullivan and Petrina Shee have kept things running, often in difficult working conditions and with little privacy in the office. The catering and bar staff have demonstrated the benefits of multi skilling and have provided a high quality service to our clients. David Kent, often by working long hours, continues to contribute to the development of sailing in the ACT through his training and coaching and marketing efforts. All the staff went through a lengthy period of uncertainty about their future situations in the Club but thankfully, they did not allow their personal interests to affect service to members and they were all taken on to the payroll of the Southern Cross Club.

Ron and Petrina in particular, have moved on to bigger and better things in the SCC organisation, Ron after 10 1/2 years with the CYC (serving under 5 different Commodores) and Petrina after 7 years. I am sure that all of those elected officials who have worked with them over the years, and Club members generally, join with me in thanking them for their contributions over the years and wish them well in their new jobs. We welcome Katrina Medson as the new Manager of the Lotus Bay site of the CSCC and look forward to working with her, albeit in a different relationship from that we have had with our Secretary/ Manager over the years.

I must also say that I am indebted to my wife, Ailsa, who has been most supportive and has had to put up with my moods in times of difficulty and with my involvement in more meetings than I would like to count. After two hard years, it is time for another member to take the reins so I am not seeking re election. But I am prepared to continue my involvement in the next year or so in a less active capacity if the new committee so wishes. The next 12 months will be a critical time in the life of the CYC, in cementing our relationship with the CSCC and in establishing ourselves as a different club from what we have been in the past. I wish the newly elected committee members well in continuing the important task of ensuring that the CYC is put on a sound foundation for the future.

Finally, I must acknowledge the achievements of those members who performed creditably in sailing competitions during last season, and those who won Club awards and events, as follows:

CLUB AWARDS

Junior Achievement	Josh Kelly
Most Improved Junior	Simon Peitsch
Most Improved Senior	Trevor Hippisley
Crewperson of the Year	Howard Faulks
Yachtswoman of the Year	Tamsin Cowap
Yachtsman of the Year	John Tracey
Service Awards	Paul Fitzwarryne and Roger Textor

Club Member of the Year Stan Wilson

CLUB CHAMPIONS

General Division 2	Ilmar Kalnins	*General Division 3*	Trevor Hippisley
Flying 15	Peter Forster	*Contender*	Daryl Roos
Fireball	Michael Leydon	*Laser*	John Tracey
Mirror	Peter Russell		

POINTSCORE WINNERS

General Division 1	Paul Fitzwarryne
General Division 2	Ilmar Kalnins and Ian Brokenshire
General Division 3	Trevor Hippisley and Ken Betts
Flying 15	John Kennedy and Peter Dalton
General Dinghies	Chris Ablett (both periods)
Contender	Alan Griffiths (both periods)
Fireball	Michael Leydon and Robbie Faulks
Laser	Anita Faulks (both periods)
Mirror	Ellen Russell and Arthur Horobin

CRUISING RACES

Series A	Gerard Buker
Series B	Geoff Gillett
Series C	Stephen Langlands

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

John Tracey	World Masters Laser Champion
Andre Webster	Australian Contender Champion
Peter Thompson	Australian Access Dinghy Champion
Stuart Allen, Andrew Forster, Daniel Keyes	Mirror Dinghy Transom Trophy
Neil Primrose	First place- NSW Trailable Yacht Association Traveller's Series (Peter Taylor in second place)

Marlay Point Overnight Race

Martin Kilpatrick, Ben Leiske, Stuart Manley	Club Teams Trophy
Peter Russell	Castle 650 Class Trophy
Martin Kilpatrick	Fastest, Division C, Stage 1; 3rd overall
Peter Taylor	Second in Division B overall

Peter Forster

Commodore
17 October 1997

REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT ON SAILING AND OPERATIONS

The 1996-97 season was blessed with fair winds with extremely few races lost to drifters or gales. Club members were successful in national and state championships as detailed in the Commodore's report.

Fortunately the number of people sailing with the Club marginally increased last season for the first time after some 15 years of decline.The present size of the CYC fleet is less than 30% of that when it was at its peak. The change in fortune has come about by improving the standard of race management and actively promoting the sport and providing sail training for both recreational and competitive purposes.

The impact of fewer people sailing in recent years has had a negative impact on the club's sailing activity. First, there have been fewer people to man the tower and race support boats. Thus more sailing tasks ended up with a diminishing number of volunteers. This was made worse by the Sailing Committee in 1997 having to take over the responsibilities of the Operations Committee which looks after power boats when there were no volunteers to serve on that 6 member committee. Second, the cost per member of providing racing increases when there are fewer people to cover the same overheads. As shown in Schedule 3 of the accounts, in 1996-97 sailing cost $35,600 yet income from sailing fees and sponsorship was only $11,600. In simple terms racing fees only covered one third of the allocated costs.

As a result of these problems the Sailing Committee and the Executive had to take a series of difficult, and to some members, unpopular decisions in order to ensure that the new Club had a sound financial and racing structure and could concentrate on its core activity- sailing.

1. Full season entry was increased from $70 to $135, a steep jump but still far below the estimated cost. Inspite of this increase race fees still only make a small contribution to the average $700 cost of running a race.
2. Class starts were abolished for Contenders, Fireballs and Mirrors,and a separate start for multihulls. The committee also reduced the number of yacht divisions from 3 to 2. The reduction was to make races more competitive and ensure the new combined divisions were able to carry out their duty days without everything falling on the shoulders of a few people.
3. As there are insufficient number of nonsailing members to carry out race management tasks we made the new divisions fully responsible for running both Wednesday and Sunday races and the CCYA for Saturday races. Initially there have been powerboat problems due to lack of experience but this should be overcome by practical training.
4. The number of weekly trophies was reduced and the Committee insisted in better use of the race support boats by only using them when necessary for safety rather than as race spectating boats. Joy riding on a race support boat is not a perk of being on duty.

On the positive side the Sailing and Operations Committee have introduced a number of 'no cost' initiatives to improve racing and the racing environment at the Club.

1. Simple port/starboard rounding courses were introduced to replace the old large list of 'lettered' courses with the aim of giving better sailing legs and less confusion.
2. We used the introduction of the new racing rules to make the sailing instructions more user friendly and compatible with those used elsewhere in championships.
3. The location of the race control desk was changed from the tower to the Sailors Bar to provide more comfort and convenience to sailors.

4. The signing on process was simplified so that people with full season entry only have to sign on once at the beginning of the series, a great saving in time for people who have to launch from Lotus Bay.
5. A simpler more user friendly starting system for the Twilight series has been adopted,'system 3', which if successful will be adopted for all Club racing.
6. A prepaid Book of Race Vouchers has been introduced to minimise the problems of sailors carrying cash and the race control desk carrying change.
7. The concept of sponsored weekly prizes has been implemented like the Balloons Aloft prize won at the first race of the season; a single valuable prize is much more attractive than glasses.
8. A policy was introduced whereby people not rostered on for their division duty day can race and receive Sunsail points, plus having the opportunity to have tune up races where the results do not matter.
9. A Race Management Manual has been developed which contains simple advice on everything necessary to successfully run a race from which race flags to use to faxing the results.

On the operations side the following actions took place which will improve racing.
1. Three radios were purchased to improve communications which are essential for safety. These included a new radio in the tower.
2. Capital, now called Southern Cross, was repainted and refurbished, and is being fitted with a better flag mast system and internal layout to make starting a race easier for all.
3. A new engine was fitted to Monaro such that it has good low speed power and control suitable for training and providing assistance to trailable yachts in trouble.
4. A new taller flag mast was constucted for Monaro so it could be used as a back-up start/ finish boat and provide the OOD with the option of having different finishing lines on a shorten course thus improving racing and avoiding time limit problems.

Recently the Committee has become more communative with the YMCA SC outside of the formal YAACT environment. The clubs will have a joint calendar planning session early in 1998 along with other lake users such as triatheletes and rowers to avoid the problems experienced in the past. Rather than not racing when the other club is running a major event, the agreement is that we will put back start times from the traditional 1400 hours. The result should be better sailing for all and less clashes of events and loss of sailing opportunities.

The Committee believes these initiatives on both the sailing and operational sides will make sailing more attractive to Club members such that they will race more often and encourage more people to take up sailing, as it will be more user friendly and enjoyable. While members join the Club to sail rather than to carry out race management tasks I am sure, from my own experience, that time on the start boat will improve their sailing by giving them the opportunity to observe the skills and tactics of other sailors. We have successfully halted the long decline in sailing numbersand believe the initiatives introduced in 1996-7 and planned for 1998 will take the new Club to better sailing, more boats and sound finances.

Finally I would like to thank the Committee members for the hard work they have put in during the past 16 months since the last AGM. In particular we all owe a great debt to Peter Russell who retired as Race Secretary at the end of last season after many years as Race Secretary. Few people realize that Peter put in 3-4 hours work every week preparing race sheets, maintaining race results and organising the annual prize presentation. Racing relies on volunteers like Peter not just as flag officers but also as able bodied sailors who actually carry out the work of making racing happen.

Paul Fitzwaryne 3 Nov 97

THE TRAINING REPORT OF THE CANBERRA YACHT CLUB
FOR THE 1996 – 1997 SEASON

This season has been full on again with the Club running AYF approved courses for TL1, TL2, TL3, TL3 Rescue and TL4. TL1 courses were run mostly for the general public. TL2 courses were run for the Trailable Yachts and the Fireballs. The YMCA Sailing Club who hosted a TL3 power boat course that was attended by members of most organisations on the lake with power boats being supplied bythe YMCASC, CYC, ADFA and the LBGSS. This was a great success and all credit must go to Paul Fitzwarryne for running this course.

A problems with the TL3 course is that it does not qualify you to be a Competent Rescue boat driver and to ascertain this qualification requires time driving with an experienced qualified driver to get your hours up. So what this means that once you achieve your TL3 you technically can only drive the boat but can't rescue anybody.

David Kent has continued with TL4 course, which is the Competent Crew and Inshore Skipper and ran several courses during the season. The practical time is done on chartered boats in Sydney. A serious attempt was made to run a TL2 Racing course for the Juniors with the aim to have a J1 fleet on the water at its completion but it wasn't to be. My thanks to Peter Russell Junior and Paul Fitzwarryne for their commitment to this project and the ten weeks that they put into it.

My deepest thanks to the Canberra Cruising Yacht Association, the Contenders and the Fireballs for their donations of money and lifejackets to Training and to the Lasers and Mirrors for their continue support with the upkeep of the Lasers and Mirrors within the Training fleet. To the YAACT for their $500 grant toward the Sabot fleet to get them up to race trim and to the instructors and boat owners who helped out through the year, thankyou.

As you know the Canberra Southern Cross Club has given us a grant to promote sailing to the public and youth. It is my hope that some of this money is spent on six Puffin Pacers to establish a Youth fleet on the lake and to complement the training fleet at the CYC.

I wish the Club well in the seasons to come and would like to publicly thank Paul Fitzwarryne who gave his time, knowledge and boat unconditionally to me and the CYC during the last two seasons. To David Kent who took on the challenge of promoting sailing and training and who also gave many unpaid hours and the use of his boat during the Club's fight for survival.

See you on the water.

M J Leydon

Michael Leydon
Rear Commodore Training

AUDITORS REPORT

1997

TO THE MEMBERS OF

CANBERRA YACHT CLUB INCORPORATED

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To The Members

CANBERRA YACHT CLUB INCORPORATED

Independent Auditor's Report

SCOPE

We have audited the financial report of Canberra Yacht Club Incorporated for the 13 month period to 30 June, 1997 as set out on the following pages. The Committee of the Club is responsible for the presentation of the accounts and the information contained therein. We have conducted an independent audit of the accounts in order to express an opinion on them to the Members of the Club.

Our audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards to provide a reasonable level of assurance as to whether the accounts are free of material misstatements. Our procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial report, and the evaluation of accounting policies and significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion as to whether, in all material respects, the accounts are presented fairly in accordance with Australian Accounting concepts and standards and statutory requirements so as to present a view of the Club which is consistent with our understanding of its Financial position and the results of its operations.

The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

Audit Opinion

In our opinion, the financial report presents a true and fair view of the financial position of the Canberra Yacht Club Incorporated at 30 June, 1997 and the results of its operations for the 13 month period then ended, in accordance with the Australian Accounting Standards and to comply with the provisions of the Associations Incorporation Act, 1991 of the Australian Capital Territory.

Dawson & Womack.

DAWSON & WOMACK
Chartered Accountants

Canberra

17 October 1997

CANBERRA YACHT CLUB INCORPORATED

Balance sheet

as at 30 June 1997

	Notes	1997 $	1996 $
Current Assets			
Balance	7	47,025	43,233
Total Current Assets		47,025	43,233
Non Current Assets			
Property, Plant & Equipment	8	782,074	811,054
Total Non Current Assets		782,074	811,054
Total Assets		829,099	854,287
Current Liabilities			
Balance	9	360,863	153,025
Total Current Liabilities		360,863	153,025
Non Current Liabilities			
Balance	10	444,318	460,850
Total Non Current Liabilities		444,318	460,850
Total Liabilities		805,181	613,875
Net Assets		**$ 23,918**	**$ 240,412**
Members' Funds			
Accumulated Balance		240,412	233,742
Surplus / (Deficit) for the Year		(216,494)	6,670
Total of Members' Funds		**$ 23,918**	**$ 240,412**

CANBERRA YACHT CLUB INCORPORATED

Summary of

General Profit & Loss Accounts (Schedules 1 - 6)

for the 13 month period, ended 30 June 1997

	1997	1996
Income	$	$
Members Subscriptions	22,097	33,176
Boat Storage Fees	22,269	22,399
Door Fees, Recoveries and Club Insignia	4,449	1,880
Miscellaneous Income	-	11,336
	48,815	68,791
Add from Schedules		
Schedule No		
1 - General Administration	(530,450)	(417,608)
2 - Bar Trading Account	100,619	98,024
3 - Sailing and Regatta Expenses	(23,988)	(21,302)
4 - Poker Machine Trading	156,353	162,232
5 - Dining Room Account	48,045	111,153
6 - Training Trading Account	(4,476)	17,201
Operating Surplus / (Deficit)	(253,897)	(50,300)
Provisions for Depreciation on Club Buildings	11,412	11,821
Net Surplus / (Deficit) For The Year	$ (216,494)	$ 6,670

CANBERRA YACHT CLUB INCORPORATED

Schedule No 1 - General Administration

for the 13 month period, ended 30 June 1997

	1997 $	1996 $
Advertising	15,601	18,175
Accountancy Fees	5,588	4,800
Audit Fees	7,100	5,750
Badges And Badge Draws	3,100	3,530
Bank Charges and Federal Tax	12,945	11,067
Borrowing Costs	330	1,076
Consultants	-	670
Cleaning and Laundry	34,822	31,892
Depreciation	8,009	7,578
Electricity and Heating	17,722	11,426
Entertainment	30,812	28,642
Flag Officers Expenses	664	1,113
Ground Maintenance	2,409	-
Hiring of Equipment	5,817	1,974
Insurance	28,168	18,324
Interest - Bank	60,757	63,767
Land Rent	4,789	3,601
Lease Costs	1,648	2,278
Legal Fees	11,495	420
Leave Provisions	10,272	2,230
Motor Vehicle Expenses	7,318	4,848
Office and Miscellaneous Costs	7,029	7,588
Printing, Stationery and Stamps	7,960	7,895
Professional Fees	3,000	-
Rates	7,490	7,970
Repairs and Maintenance	17,647	20,275
Security	8,601	6,055
Subscriptions and Journals	5,074	9,603
Superannuation	41,860	22,327
Staff Amenities	7,011	5,068
Telephone	12,646	12,307
Wages	130,766	95,359
Total Expenses	**$ 518,450**	**$ 417,608**
Extraordinary Expenses (Note 14)	12,000	-
Total Expenses & Extraordinary Item transferred to General Profit & Loss Account	**$ (530,450)**	**$ (417,608)**

CANBERRA YACHT CLUB INCORPORATED

Schedule No 2 - Bar Trading Account

for the 13 month period, ended 30 June 1997

	1997 $	1996 $
Gross Sales	440,250	414,450
Less Cost of Sales		
Opening Stock on Hand	10,343	11,840
Purchases	163,868	165,673
	174,211	177,513
Less Closing Stock	12,165	10,343
	162,046	167,170
Gross Profit	**$ 278,204**	**$ 247,280**
Less Expenditure		
Depreciation - Bar Equipment	1,300	1,200
Gas, Electricity and Heating	11,892	12,475
Laundry, Cleaning & General Expenses	5,013	5,913
Licence Fees	15,168	14,626
Repairs and Maintenance	10,029	8,646
Wages	134,183	106,396
Total Expenses	**177,585**	**149,256**
Net Profit Transferred to General Profit and Loss Account	**$ 100,619**	**$ 98,024**

CANBERRA YACHT CLUB INCORPORATED

Schedule No 3 - Sailing & Regatta

for the 13 month period, ended 30 June 1997

	1997 $	1996 $
Income		
Government Grants	-	2,000
Operational Fees	630	710
Sailing Fees	9,036	11,318
Sponsorship	1,949	4,860
Total Income	**11,615**	**18,888**
Less Expenditure		
Depreciation - Boat & Sailing Equipment	3,727	5,037
Sponsorship and Grants	1,500	1,000
General Sailing Expenses	2,627	1,819
Promotions	499	
Trophies and Regatta Expenses	6,554	9,080
Repairs and Maintenance	3,461	7,220
Petrol	2,459	-
Volunteer Expenses	676	244
Wages	14,100	15,790
Total Expenditure	35,603	40,190
Net Loss Transferred to General Profit and Loss Account	**$ (23,988)**	**$ (21,302)**

CANBERRA YACHT CLUB INCORPORATED

Schedule No 4 - Poker Machine Trading

for the 13 month period, ended 30 June 1997

	1997 $	1996 $
Poker Machine Takings	272,570	272,931
Less Expenditure		
ACT Poker Machine Tax	40,144	40,553
Amortisation - Leased Asset	6,253	5,906
Data Processing	2,567	3,538
Depreciation	33,990	36,073
Licence Fees	151	17
Repairs and Maintenance	14,967	15,349
Wages	17,100	7,084
Promotions	1,045	2,179
Total Expenses	**116,217**	**110,699**
Net Profit Transferred to General Profit and Loss Account	**$ 156,353**	**$ 162,232**

CANBERRA YACHT CLUB INCORPORATED

Schedule No 5 - Dining Room Account

for the 13 month period, ended 30 June 1997

	1997 $	1996 $
Restaurant Income	463,346	452,410
Less Cost of Sales		
Opening Stock on Hand	3,424	3,923
Purchases	175,799	152,828
	179,223	156,751
Less Closing Stock	2,751	3,424
Cost of Sales	176,472	153,327
Gross Profit	**$ 286,874**	**$ 299,083**
Room Hire	3,198	6,750
Gross Profit	**$ 290,072**	**$ 305,833**
Less Expenditure		
Depreciation	1,950	1,800
Electricity and Heating	10,417	9,870
Repairs and Maintenance	2,547	793
Sundry Expenses	2,819	26,250
Wages	203,767	155,967
Replacements	6,684	-
Laundry	13,843	-
Total Expenses	242,027	194,680
Net Profit Transferred to General Profit and Loss Account	**$ 48,045**	**$ 111,153**

CANBERRA YACHT CLUB INCORPORATED

Schedule No 6 - Training Trading Account

for the 13 month period, ended 30 June 1997

	1997 $	1996 $
Training Fees	20,134	26,562
Less Expenditure		
Depreciation on Equipment	1,702	865
Sundry	183	6
Training Costs	1,739	3,056
Wages	20,986	5,434
Total Expenses	24,610	9,361
Net Profit Transferred to General Profit and Loss Account	**$ (4,476)**	**$ 17,201**

CANBERRA YACHT CLUB INCORPORATED

Notes To and Forming Part of the Accounts

for the 13 month period, ended 30 June 1997

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1 i) The Club operates as a sporting club at Yarralumla, Australian Capital Territory.

The financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with the Historical Cost Convention and do not take into account changing money values or current valuation of non current assets. Unless otherwise stated, the policies are consistent with prior years. These notes have been prepared to assist in a general understanding of these financial statements.

ii) Subsequent Events
Since year end the Canberra Yacht Club has been taken over by the Canberra Southern Cross Club. All assets and liabilities of the Canberra Yacht Club have now been transferred to the Canberra Southern Cross Club.

2 Depreciation

Depreciation is charged on non current assets, so as to write off the net cost of each fixed asset during its expected useful life. Depreciation is reviewed annually and unserviceable or obsolete assets are written off.

3 Bank Loans

The Westpac Banking Corporation Loan is secured, by a Registered first Mortgage, over the Club property at Yarralumla and a floating charge over the assets and undertakings of the Club.

4 Income Tax Expense

The club is considered to be exempt from income tax.

5 Stock

Stock is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

6 Membership Subscriptions and Room Hire

Membership subscriptions and room hire income are recognised as income during the year in which they are received.

	1997 $	1996 $
7 Current Assets		
The Balance is included as follows:		
Cash	20,457	14,454
Sundry Debtors and prepayments	8,530	11,223
Pre-charged Loan Interest	433	2,825
Stock - Bar	12,165	10,343
Dining Room	2,751	3,424
Insignia	2,689	964
	$ 47,025	**$ 43,233**
8 Non Current Assets - Property, Plant and Equipment		
Land at Cost	77,582	76,341
Lotus Bay Clubhouse - at Cost	640,464	617,975
Less Provision for Depreciation	(133,210)	(120,890)
Club Boats - at Cost	60,839	60,838
Less Provision for Depreciation	(41,773)	(38,124)
Sailing Equipment - at Cost	10,726	10,726
Less Provision for Depreciation	(6,956)	(5,905)
Plant and Equipment - at Cost	186,538	168,926
Less Provision for Depreciation	(123,186)	(112,261)
Poker Machines - at Cost	380,377	354,127
Less Provision for Depreciation	(274,946)	(228,797)
Motor Vehicles - at Cost	2,000	2,000
Less Provision for Depreciation	(2,000)	(1,568)
Training Equipment - at Cost	9,102	9,102
Less Provision for Depreciation	(3,483)	(1,780)
Poker Machines under Lease	-	26,250
Less Provision for Amortisation	-	(5,906)
	$ 782,074	**$ 811,054**

	1997 $	1996 $
12 Statement of Cash Flows		
Cash Flows from Operating Activities:		
Receipts from patrons	1,205,222	1,254,032
Payments to Suppliers and Employees	(1,078,602)	(1,089,386)
Interest Paid	(60,757)	(58,982)
Net Cash Flow from Operating Activities	**$ 65,863**	**$ 105,664**
Cash Flows from Investing Activities:		
Payment for Plant and Equipment	(34,105)	(72,071)
Net Cash Flow from Investing Activities	**$ (34,105)**	**$ (72,071)**
Cash Flow from Financing Activities:		
Repayment of loans	(38,038)	(283,218)
Increase in commercial Bills		250,000
Net Cash Flow from Financing Activities	**$ (38,038)**	**$ (33,218)**
Net Increase/ (Decrease) in Cash Held	**(6,280)**	**$ 375**
Cash at Beginning of Year	(12,956)	(13,331)
Cash at End of Year	**$ (19,236)**	**$ (12,956)**

	1997	1996
	$	$

13 Notes to the Statement of Cash Flows

A Reconciliation of Cash

Cash on Hand	20,457	14,454
Bank Overdraft	(39,693)	(27,410)
	$ (19,236)	**$ (12,956)**

B Reconciliation of Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities to Operating Loss:

Operating Profit/(Loss)	(216,494)	6,670
Add back non cash flow items		
Depreciation and Amortisation	63,085	70,280
Increase in Other Current Liabilities	217,061	24,736
Decrease in other Current Assets	2,211	3,978
Cash Flow from Operations	**$ 65,863**	**$ 105,664**

14 Extraordinary Items

This relates to payments to consultants regarding negotiations with the Canberra Southern Cross Club.

CANBERRA YACHT CLUB INCORPORATED
Statement By Management Committee

In accordance with the Associations Incorporation Act 1991, the management Committee of Canberra Yacht Club Incorporated state the following in regard to the 13 month period ended 30 June 1997.

A The names of the Management Committee members during the financial year were:

Peter Forster	Simon Mitchell	Stuart Manley
John Kennedy	Michael Leydon	Andrew Lockyer

No Management Committee member received either directly any fees, salaries, bonuses or any other remuneration with the exception of Simon Mitchell whose Company provided, at commercial rates, the Accounting services for the Club.

B The principal activity of the Club during the financial period was:

Operation of a licensed club and promotion of sailing.

During the year there was no change in the principal activity.

C The result of the Club's operations for the 13 month period was a deficit of $216,494

D The attached profit and loss account gives a true and fair view of the Club's deficit for the 13 month period ended 30 June 1997.

E The attached balance sheet gives a true and fair view of the Club's state of affairs as at 30 June 1997; and

F There are, when this statement is made, reasonable grounds to believe that the Club will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Committee.

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Commodore

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Committee Member

Dated: 17 October 1997

CANBERRA YACHT CLUB

Mariner Place
Yarralumla
ACT 2600

20 October 1997

Dear Member

No doubt your diary already records the date for the Yacht Club's AGM - Monday, 3 November 1997. For your interest, I am now able to let you know the outcome of the request for nominations for the various offices for the new committee. The following nominations were lodged by the due date (5 pm on 13 October):

Office	**Nominee**	**Nominator**
Commodore	Paul Fitzwarryne	Roger Textor
	Robert Redfern	Peter Forster
Vice Commodore	David Kent	Allen Fordham
Rear Commodore, Finance	Carol Wylde Browne	Robert Redfern
House	Peter Thompson	Peter Forster
Operations	Paul Bryden	Peter Forster
Sailing	Trevor Hippisley	Peter Forster
Training	Anita Faulks	Howard Faulks

No nominations were received for any of the other positions on the five committees.

As you will see, an election will be needed, at the AGM, for the position of Commodore. If only for this reason, I urge you to be at the AGM to record your vote. But it is also important that you attend in order to vote in relation to the proposed new constitution, as set out in my letter of 23 September. As indicated in that letter, the new constitution, based on the Model Rules for incorporated associations, will better serve the immediate needs of the Club than will the current constitution and will allow the committee to focus on the real issues without being distracted by a constitution that is now inappropriate to our circumstances.

Copies of the annual report and financial statements for the 1996/97 Club year are now available in the Sailor's Bar at the Club. Members who are unable to visit the Club before the AGM but who would like a copy of these reports, are invited to call David Kent (telephone 6273 1784) to request that a copy be put in the post. As mentioned previously, this approach is being adopted to minimise the not inconsiderable costs to the Club of postage.

OTHER IMPORTANT MATTERS

Boat Storage: in circumstances where there is a waiting list for boat storage at the Club, members are given notice that next year, acceptance of applications should not be assumed. In particular, it is appropriate to give owners who use their boats on a reasonably regular basis priority over those who don't use their boats. Those that are clearly not being used should not expect to have their applications accepted next year.

Contact 'Phone Numbers: thanks to the efforts of David Kent, we now have our own membership data base - but one important piece of information is missing, that being to up date telephone numbers. It would be helpful to those involved in organising Club activities to have member 'phone/fax numbers. We would be grateful if each member (family) would complete and return the tear off slip appended to this letter. There is a box in the Sailor's Bar for those who are able to come to the Club personally.

Sydney 2000 Paralympics Fundraiser: one of our members, Peter Thompson, is aiming to win a gold medal in the 2.4 metre class in the 2000 Paralympics. Peter's support group is organising a fund raising dinner at the Yacht Club on Wednesday 19 November with **David Adams** of single handed round the world race fame (winner in his class, 1994/95) as guest speaker. I hope that members of the CYC will see fit to support Peter and his team. The cost of the 3 course meal with wines will be only $50. Bookings should be made directly with Peter on 6295 7508 - organise a group now!

Buckets: David Kent wants your unused buckets - strong buckets, such as those in which you buy your pool chlorine - for use with the rescue boats. Please leave any spare ones that you may have, for David, in the Sailor's Bar.

Games for Junior Sailing School Students: our previous request for games suitable for children 8 years and above resulted in one donation. David wants to make his sail training an enjoyable experience for the students, and especially when the weather turns bad, needs some fun activities for the kids. Your help with donations is sought.

AGM YA ACT: show your support of our local Yachting Association by attending the AGM at the CYC on Tuesday 25 November 1997 at 7 30 pm. The YA is also calling for nominations for office - details on the notice board at the CYC - with nominations closing on 11 November.

Yours sincerely

Peter Forster
Commodore

P.S. Twilight sailing starts on Wednesday 29 October

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David Kent
Sail Training Manager
CYC, Mariner Place
Lotus Bay ACT 2600

As requested, my telephone numbers for inclusion in the Club records are as follows:
Phone: Home.....Work.....Mobile.....
Fax:: Home.....Work.....

Name..... Member number.....

Canberra Yacht Club
Sailing News - December 1997

Sailing "Users Group"

Now that the old Sailing Committee has ceased to exist, the new club executive is keen to ensure that there continues to be a means through which class associations and sailing divisions can retain an effective voice and provide their valuable ideas about club sailing and race management.

To this end, we would like to establish a *Sailing Users Group* that can meet regularly. The first meeting was held on Monday, 8 December 1997. The next meeting is scheduled for the first Monday in February 1998.

All class reps are invited to attend.

"A Bridge too Far"

by Peter Forster

On 31 October, I spoke on radio and television about the difficulties with the proposal for a walkway from Acton Peninsular to Lennox Gardens. Your new committee has written to the parliamentary public works committee expressing opposition to the walkway and more information about the proposed ecosystem wetlands.

The submission addresses three issues:

- that it will cut off the option of locating a mark in Acton Basin
- that it will add to the danger of the lee shore at that point of the lake in strong NW wind conditions
- and it will remove the option of shelter in the lee of the point.

It has been said that the bridge is an optional extra, but we cannot afford to make that assumption. A bridge would be a serious obstacle in a confined area of the lake and the last thing anybody would want is for a boat of any description to crash into a bridge pylon in windy conditions.

We all remember the Hobart Bridge disaster!

The Commodore, Robert Redfern expressed our concerns to the Federal Parliament's Public Works Committee on 9 December.

Magic 25s Revel in Gusty Conditions

Reported by John Hooper:

Just when you thought it was safe to take the Laser out in 20 knot winds, the *Canberra Southern Cross Club Magic 25 Regatta* hits Lake Burley Griffin.

November 15 and 16 saw 7 of these Ian Murray designed trailable sports yachts compete in heat 4 of the Australasian circuit.

Coming just 12 days after the conclusion of the week long South Pacific Championships at Middle Harbour Yacht Club, Sydney, the small fleet was treated to excellent sunny conditions with the usual Canberra nor'wester "sea breeze" providing ample thrills and spills during the 7 race series.

The standard Magic 25 courses - windward/leeward gates - set right in front of the clubhouse provided spectacular viewing for spectators as the Magic 25s came alive in the 15 to 22 knot conditions experienced over both days.

After narrowly losing the SPs to Martin Thompson, Darren Jones, from Hoods Sails Australia, with his crew containing other members of the 1993 Aussie America's Cup team, dominated both the conditions and the competition. With 5 firsts and 2

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Contact David Kent at the Canberra Yacht Club for details

Tel. 6273 7177

If you have an idea or you would like to help in any way, don't be shy. The following people are there to listen and take on board all worthwhile suggestions.

Name	Contact detail
Robert Redfern/Commodore	6255 6050 H
David Kent/Vice Commodore	6273 7177 W
Carol Wylde-Browne/ Treasurer	6249 8457 H
Peter Thompson/Committee member. Peter will be helping Carol on the finance side.	6295 7508
Paul Bryden/Committee member.	6230 6152
Paul is assisingt the Committee serving as Secretary.	
Trevor Hippisley/Committee member.	6254 9102 H
Trevor has offered to focus on race management and sailing issues with the assistance of Anita and the rest of the Committee.	
Anita Faulks/Committee member.	6231 2784 H

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second placings, Jones, sailing *Bainbridge* was pushed all the way by Andrew Short from Cronulla Yacht Club, who after winning race 6 was within striking distance.

The final race saw Short fight off serious challenges from *Botany Bay Magic* and *Copy Trends* sailed by the CYC's John Whitfield allowing *Bainbridge* to disappear into the sunset and comfortably take the trophy.

A vote of thanks to the Canberra Hyatt, Radio Stations 2CA and 2CC, WIN TV, Katrina from the Club, David Kent, Paul and Caroline Fitzwarryne, and their staff for producing a memorable 1997 *Canberra Southern Cross Club Magic 25 Regatta.*

All Well Covered

by Carol Wylde-Browne

As we are an incorporated body, ACT Sailing Inc, known as the Canberra Yacht Club, advice was sought from our insurance broker Robert Masterman and the CSCC insurance brokers. The advice offered was that we should have our own public and professional liability insurance.

Policy with AYF and underwritten by HIH Casualty and General Insurers with on-the-water cover.

This policy has now been taken out with the AYF, and is underwritten by HIH Casualty and General Insurers. This is the only policy that offers on the water cover, and the premium is $3480.

The names on the policy are ACT Sailing Inc, Flying 15 International Association (ACT) Inc., the Mirror Dinghy Class Association, and the Canberra Cruising Yacht Association as these are the incorporated bodies in our Club. This does not increase our premium from what it would be if in only the one name.

We have taken out a new policy - Personal Accident Insurance Cover for Voluntary Workers. This policy covers people in the workforce who would lose income as a result of an injury while performing voluntary work for the Club. The cover is $800 per week limited to 52 weeks with an excess of 14 days and a death by accident cover of $100,000. The cost of this policy is $600 per annum.

Insurance on the rescue boats and the training boats has been taken out by the CSCC as they own the boats. Rescue boat drivers should have a TL3 qualification or a NSW boat driver's licence.

New Mailing Address and Telephone number

Because of the new arrangements for the administration of CYC affairs, it has been necessary to open a mailbox for all correspondence. Please address all future mail to:

Canberra Yacht Club
GPO Box 2035
CANBERRA ACT 2601

Tel/Fax: 6273 7177

Canberra Yacht Club
Sailing News - March 1998

UNDERSTANDINGS FINALISED

Report to all sailing members from your Commodore, Robert Redfern.

At the annual general meeting at which I was elected, an issue that needed clarification for us all was a more formal understanding of the relationship between the Canberra Yacht Club (ACT Sailing Inc.) and the Canberra Southern Cross Club Ltd.

I am pleased to report that our treasurer, Carol Wylde-Browne, and myself have had two formal opportunities to discuss our relationship with the CSCC – on 15 and 23 December 1997. These discussions took place with the CSCC General Manager, Peter Head.

On 15 December the following matters were clarified:

Finance

- Financial administration will be undertaken by ACT Sailing Inc. ACT Sailing Inc. will provide an annual budget to the CSCC - 1 July to 30 June. The budget will be balanced so that expenditure does not exceed income.
- The CSCC will forgo income from boat storage, and this income will be a primary source of income for ACT Sailing Inc.
- ACT Sailing Inc. will be given exclusive use of the Sailors Cabin on a year by year undertaking.
  - Exclusive use means the right to use or hire the room twelve months in advance.
  - Rent or hire fees received by the CSCC for the room will be credited to ACT Sailing Inc.
  - The hire charge for the room will be $30 for a committee group meeting, $80 otherwise. Functions over 100 guests $120.00 (subject to change).
  - ACT Sailing Inc. will provide a room availability list to the CSCC Manager twelve months in advance.

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LASER NEWS

Reported by Nick Whyatt

The CYC Laser fleet has had an excellent start to the 1997-1998 season with seven new faces in the fleet and several familiar faces making a welcome re-appearance. Welcome to Rod and James Badgery, John Baird, Kim Elliott, Ralph Martin, Tim Stuparich, Nick Hildyard and welcome back to Chris Oxenbould and Tony Ryan. This increase in numbers has resulted in regular starts of ten or more boats and has improved competition at all levels in the fleet.

James Badgery and Kim Elliott have provided a much-needed boost to the youth element of the fleet and have already made their mark. In particular, thirteen year old Kim, who sails with a full rig, has shown great enthusiasm and dogged determination competing in fresh conditions that have often seen the more experienced sailors reaching for the daggerboard!

The CYC Laser fleet was well represented at the recent Masters Games, and met with considerable success. Congratulations to Martin Linsley and David Holt who won gold and silver medals in their respective age divisions. John Tracey defected to his Tasar for this event in preparation for the Tasar World Titles and continued his winning ways by collecting the gold medal.

CYC Laser sailors were also successful in the ACT Dinghy Championships, more on the results in the article by David Holt. Finally, good luck to those travelling to Wangi SC on Lake Macquarie to represent the CYC at the New South Wales/Australian Capital Territory State Titles (7-8 February).

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- ACT Sailing Inc. will raise income from other sources: training; advertising; sponsorship; commission; membership fees; race fees; and service fees.
- Expenses will be paid by ACT Sailing Inc. to cover all the operating costs associated with the conduct of yachting, for example, insurance, office costs, committee expenses, wages, affiliation fees, equipment, repairs and maintenance, printing, advertising, prizes, sailing expenses, telephone, secretarial, audit, and bookkeeping.
- The CSCC has allowed a budget of $250,000 for ACT Sailing Inc. to buy capital expenditure costs and a subsidy to operating costs for the period 1997-2000.

Sailing Administration

- ACT Sailing Inc. will promote sailing on the lake and social activities in the Club.
- The CSCC will make the Clubhouse facilities available and give priority for sailing purposes as agreed between the Southern Cross Yacht Club management and the Commodore.
- The CSCC will refer all matters to do with sailing to ACT Sailing Inc.
- ACT Sailing Inc. will decide on its staff needs and the present Training Officer, David Kent will report directly to the Commodore.
- If ACT Sailing Inc. wishes to sub-contract part of David Kent's time to the CSCC, the CSCC will endeavour to assist. This is subject to negotiation.

Sailing Newsletters

The CSCC will pay a sponsorship fee to ACT Sailing Inc. for each edition of the newsletter. $100-$120 an issue. The final amount to be agreed.

Club Manager

- The Southern Cross Club has appointed Gerry Folster as Manager of the Southern Cross Club Yacht Club. (Gerry commenced on Wednesday 10 December.)

On 23 December 1997, following a meeting of the sailing executive, the CSCC was advised that we had no difficulty with the detail of the relationship subject to clarification of some points of detail. These matters were raised with Peter Head and the following agreed:

- A potential shortfall in the budget for ACT Sailing Inc was noted and it was agreed that the CSCC would buy part of David Kent's services for part of the off season to the value of $15,000.
- Agreed that the CSCC would provide a trainee to assist David Kent through the on season, at no charge to the ACT Sailing Inc.
- It was agreed a monthly statement of income was to be provided by the ACT Sailing Club Inc.
- Re the CSCC sponsorship of the the ACT Dinghy Championship, a cheque for $1,000 will be ready for collection within the week after our meeting on 23 December.
- It was agreed that the Manager of the Southern Cross Yacht Club would liaise with David Kent to ensure that facilities in the sailors bar, toilets etcetera were managed effectively. A system is to be set up for booking sailor's bar, paying particular attention to change rooms and toilets.
- Grant to CYC - it was noted that the CSCC had undertaken to provide $250,000 for operating costs and the purchase of sailing equipment over 3 years. The grant provided $25,000 for operating cost which was to be financed from boat storage fees and $50,000 a year for sailing equipment. These sums are indicative and may be drawn by ACT Sailing Inc. in advance if necessary for the year 1997-98 the $75,000- $85,000 could be spent on sailing equipment. The sum to be drawn will depend on strategies developed by ACT Sailing Inc. in the ACT.

Laser News Continued from page 1

Reported by David Holt

Laser Fleet Report for the ACT Dinghy Championships

Racing in the laser and laser Radial Fleet was as usual very close. Shane Guanaria (I,I,I,DNS) convincingly won the full rig from David Holt (2,2,2,1) and last year's champion Rob Fisher (3,3,3,DNS).

The coveted silver ice bucket Champion's trophy traveled interstate for the first time in several years. The Radial rig was won by Martin Brady (I,I,DNS,1), from Tim Stuparich (2,2,1,DNS) and Anita Faulks (3,3,2,2).

Surprisingly there were only 10 entries, which are a bit low compared to most weekends this and last season. There were a couple of reasons for the low numbers but hopefully with some early advertising this won't be repeated in 1998. The regatta was very well organized by the CYC and everyone had a great time.

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Change of name

The Sailor's Bar is now called the Sailor's Cabin. The change of name is primarily due to the fact that children now use the room on a frequent basis. It is great to see them coming to the club with their lunch and spending the day here.

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Something to leave after office hours?

For the convenience of members who cannot during office hours drop of mail, cheques, etc, a slot is available adjacent to the office door in the Sailor's Cabin where such documentation may be left.

CHANGES TO ISAF RACING RULES OF SAILING 1997-2000

The AYF has advised that at its recent Council meeting, the ISAF had agreed to several changes in the Racing Rules of Sailing I997-2000, and further that the AYF had promulgated the dale of 1 December 1997 for these changes to come into effect in Australia.

Rule 14(b)
(b) shall not be penalized under this rule unless there is contact that causes damage.

Rule 17.1
A boat *clear astern* that becomes *overlapped to leeward* and within two of her hull lengths of a *windward* boat shall not sail above her *proper course* while the boats remain *overlapped* and less than that distance apart, unless as a result she falls astern of the *windward* boat.

49 1
Competitors shall use no device designed to position their bodies outboard, other than hiking straps and stiffeners worn under the thighs.

Keep Clear
One boat *keeps clear of* another if the other can sail her course with no need to take avoiding action and, when the boats are *overlapped* on the same *tack,* if the *leeward* boat can change course in both directions without immediately making contact with the *windward* boat.

Obstruction
An object that a boat could not pass without changing course substantially, if she were sailing directly towards it and one of her hull lengths from it. An object that can be safely passed on only one side and an area so designated by the sailing instructions are also *obstructions.* However, a boat racing is not an *obstruction* to other boats unless they are required to *keep clear* of her, give her *room* or, if rule 21 applies, avoid her.

Cleaning your boat on Lotus Bay

Members wishing to clean their boats at the jetty located on Lotus Bay are asked to observe the policies of the Environmental Protection Agency by not using detergents or other products that may damage the environment. Members are also requested to refrain from using water from the tap located by the jetty. **This water is <u>not</u> for public use.**

Theft - something we all dread!

Incidents of theft have occurred over the past season from boats stored either undercover or outside. These incidents unfortunately do occur from time to time and leave the victims hurt and angry. Please ensure that doors/gates are locked when not in use and attractive items are either taken home or locked out of sight! Please remember that all boats are stored at the Club at owner's risk.

Boat storage

(Trying to fit 5 litres into a 1 litre container without spilling a drop!!)

A meeting is scheduled for 6.00pm Tuesday, April 14, 1998 in the Sailor's Cabin (formerly Sailor's Bar) to determine the policy for the storage of boats at the CYC, that is:

- who is entitled to store their boat;
- where boats are to be stored;
- access for boats in and out of storage areas;
- boat storage fees; and
- policing for boats illegally stored on CYC leased land.

The management of the boat storage can be improved. Your contributions at this meeting will provide a more equitable and efficient system for the storage of boats.

Your chance to save some money!

If you ever need to call David Kent, try the CYC telephone number first rather than the mobile number. If he is not in the office, chances are that a message can be left or the telephone will be diverted to his mobile thereby saving you the cost of the STD call!

The office number is 6273 7177

Information specific to members

Mail, etc. for members can be left for collection in the green compartmentalized cupboard located in the Sailor's Cabin. To ensure that you receive all mail addressed to you, please check this cupboard on a regular basis.

Professional sailing instructors

Become a professional sailing school instructor and be paid to teach people to sail.

The CYC Sailing School is seeking instructors for the 1998-99 sailing season. The school is looking for sailors who are patient, flexible and have the ability to pass on those sailing skills in a confident and buoyant manner. You do not need to be a brilliant sailor - you simply need an understanding of how people can feel when they try sailing for the first time

Instructors are required:

- to teach adults to sail in dinghies (TL 1); and
- to teach adults to sail in yachts (TL4).

Applicants will need to be qualified under the Australian Yachting Federation as an Instructor, Sailing Master or Yachtmaster and provide proof of currency.

Telephone David Kent on 6273 7177 today. It may be the start of a new career!

Introduction to racing

Retention of sailors who have completed sailing courses is another factor in gauging the success of the club. You may be sailor or aware of sailors who would be happy to assist with teaching these "new" keen sailors to race. If so, we would like to meet with you to pool ideas as to how a strategy might best be achieved. Some thoughts so far are:

- mini racing - possibly 11am Sundays (prior to club races);
- a trainee division within our club races, for example two laps; and
- providing club boats at low hire rates to encourage participation.

If you have ideas, are keen to help (not necessarily weekly), or are just a little curious and think you could assist in some way you haven't thought of yet - then YOUR CLUB NEEDS YOU!

We look forward to meeting with you on Tuesday 28 April 1998 at 6pm - 8pm in the Sailor's Cabin (formerly Sailor's Bar) for a productive planning meeting which has the potential for increasing the number of CYC members.

Yours in sailing
David Kent and Anita Faulks

CYC Sailing School - Easter Program

Sailing courses for children are planned for the Easter holidays. The first course is to be conducted during April 14 – 17, and the second course during April 20 - 24. Bookings already have been made for the courses so if you know anybody whose children may be interested, please pass on this information and ask that they call me on telephone number 6273 7177.

Thanking you.

David Kent, Sail Training Manager

Our Membership Profile

You may be interested in some details about our membership profile. If you are, here it is as at 16 February 1998:

Membership type	*Gender*	*Number*	*Percent*
Member	Male	229	77
	Female	36	12
Life*	Male	3	1
	Female	0	0
Junior	Male	20	7
	Female	7	2
Student	Male	2	1
	Female	1	0
Total		**298**	**100**

*There are also 69 non-active life members. If these members are taken into account, there are 367 members.

On a basis of year to date, $12,325 has been received in membership dues and an amount of $4,035 has been provided in dues to the Yachting Association of the Australian Capital Territory.

In the area of boat storage for 1997-1998, $24,700 has been received with an amount of $2,490 outstanding. There is a waiting list of 24.

Sailing Discovery - Monday, 16 March 1998

Your assistance is sought to help the CYC promote sailing to members of the public. Last year the day proved very successful and this year it is planned to be bigger and better. Join in the fun of the day by volunteering your time either at a static stand or taking people for rides on yachts. The Southern Cross Club will provide children's activities and free sausage sizzle. We ask only that you can help from 11.00 am to 4.00 pm. The public are invited from 12 noon to 3.00 pm. Bring your family and friends and make Monday, Canberra Day a day to remember!

Sailors - do the right thing

Please consider the difficulties experienced by the volunteers on duty during race days who are either in the tower or in the RSU boats. Your safety is paramount in their eyes and because of that sometimes they may make a mistake by recording racing sailors as finishing a race when that may not be the case.

If you enter a race but have to abandon it, PLEASE do not sail through the finishing line and also make the fact of your abandonment known to the OOD as soon as you arrive on the beach. This will avoid any embarrassment that could felt by the racing officials and any hopefully dissolve any disillusionment perceived by the sailors.

Missing portable radio

The club recently purchased another portable 27Mhz radio to assist with rescue operations and training. It is now missing. Please, if you know of the whereabouts of this radio, kindly call David Kent on telephone number 6273 7177 and let him know. The radio was a valuable asset to the club and leaves the club short of a backup in case of RSU radio failure (which usually happens in an emergency - Murphy strikes again!)

Sailing Discovery

Monday, 16 March 1998

(Canberra Day holiday)

Remember the successful day last year? – trailer sailors, dinghies, cats and trimarans on display, people going for sail boat rides, free sausage sizzle, free child minding and much, much more!

The CYC membership was increased as a direct result of that day.

This year is planned to be bigger and better than last year with other water based sporting groups asked to join in the celebration.

A highlight for the day will be the launch of the 2.4 Mr sailing boat (called Canberra) purchased by the Canberra Southern Cross Club in support of Peter Thompson's ACT Parayachting campaign for the 2000 Paralympics.

The CSCC also has again shown its support of the CYC by providing free sausages, free face painting, free child minding service, an air castle and cheap drinks.

If you can help on Monday, 16 March 1998 from 11.00am to 4.00pm – *GREAT!!* Please call David Kent on ph: 6273 7177 now to show your support of the CYC, else, kindly pass on this request to someone who can! A list detailing where you can assist is shown over the page.

Thank you - your help will make sailing grow in Canberra.

Historical photo

Sailing Discovery

Monday, 16 March 1998

(Canberra Day holiday)

David
Boxes at Club
Away 9-13/3

The CYC is looking for people who want to be involved with the:

Administration

- ☐ Be a BBQ Chef.
- ☐ Sell soft drinks from the Schweppes caravan.
- ☐ Be the First Aid officer.
- ☐ Erect Schweppes marquee.

Operations

- ☐ Manufacture and show a CYC display.
- ☐ Offer your boat and services for a static display on the lawns of CYC.
- ☐ Offer your boat and services to take people for rides on West Basin.
- ☐ Offer your boat and services to take people for rides on Central basin.

Sailing School

- ☐ Show CYC Sailing School static display on the lawns of the CYC.
- ☐ Show CYC Sailing School static display on the lawns of Old Parliament House.

Canberra Yacht Club
Sailing News - June 1998

Commodore's Voice

Membership renewal forms are enclosed for the 1998/99 sailing season.

Your committee has made some changes to the fee structure. But these changes should not attract too much criticism. In fact, many members should be pleased. A single member's fee has increased from $45 to $50. A family membership category has been re-introduced for $75, husband and wife (partner) and their children under 18 years of age can be members. Those sailors under 18 years of age without a family connection in the club can be members for $10.

There is one area of concern I would like to raise with skippers who have positions on their boats for regular crews and those crews are not members of a yacht club.

As you know, a portion of your membership fee is passed on as a levy to the Yachting Association of the Australian Capital Territory and a percentage of that levy is directed to the Australian Yachting Federation (AYF). It has been estimated by the AYF that many competitive sailors are not members of a yacht club and as a result the number of club memberships around Australia is around 40,000. This figure, when one considers the general level of sailing activity in Australia, appears very low. One has only to think about this to realise that a limited number, probably the minority, are funding the organisation of the sport for the majority.

This situation has an impact not only at the national and state levels but also at the club level. Members have been calling out for a number of years to improve the delivery of the racing program and at the last Annual General Meeting calls were made for this matter to be taken more seriously. Your committee is looking at measures to improve the quality of sailing at the club. But some of these measures will come at a cost.

My plea to all skippers and boat owners is for them to consider the implications of this situation and whether all those who regularly participate in our wonderful sport should also make a financial contribution.

I think they should.

Robert Redfern

Lucky me & five friends

On the evening of the Twilight Race Prize giving, I was the lucky one drawn out of the hat, and won six days and

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Great start to the Winter Series

The way to go! The Aristocrat 1998 Winter Series is proving to be very popular amongst sailors. The first race conducted on 17 May attracted 43 competitors and the second race having similar numbers. The Aristocrat 1998 Winter Series is open to all no matter what ability or pedigree. The series continues with racing commencing 12 noon Sundays on the following dates, June 14, 28; July 12, 26 and August 9.

See you on the water!

Is your mooring safe?

The Water Police have requested those people who moor their boats in Lotus Bay to kindly check their moorings. Breakage's to mooring chains have been a regular occurrence and with a little "preventative maintenance" your boat need not end up on the pebble beach or shore when the Westerly winds arrive with a vengeance.

nights full use of a Yacht, to cruise on Port Jackson. The Sunsail Jeanneau 36, looked good above deck with easy to control sheets and halyards from a very roomy cockpit. Below decks had a well laid out saloon and galley, two quarter berths, and a very spacious double forward berth. Ample headroom throughout, roomy storage spaces, combined head and shower with pressurized hot water standard. The yacht sailed very well on all points.

Jack was put in command. Arthur, my crew on Jessie, was the engineer. Mary and Sheryl accepted the responsibilities of navigation, deckhand, helms-persons and very competent 'galley slaves'. Our fifth member of the crew was the Yacht Club 'Sailing Master' David Kent.

David needed a well earned escape from Canberra, and accepted the duties of tactician. He was a great person to have on board, and readily passed on some of his valuable experience to those around him. With all jobs allocated, I took it easy and enjoyed being sailed around one of the most beautiful harbours in the world. Of course there were too many points of interest to mention. The weather was perfect with sunny and dry days and favourable winds. There was only one day when we made extensive use of our 28 horsepower 'iron spinnaker'.

Sunsail Charter Yachts operate from Lavender Bay with a good selection of yachts of various sizes, such as Beneteau, Buizen and Jeanneau. Several of the charter yachts were configured for serious racing, while others were presented for luxury cruising. We noted that Sunsail also operate from the Whitsundays and other exotic locations around the world. In fact, their advertising mentions 23 bases in 16 countries. More information on Sunsail Charters can be obtained from the friendly staff in Sydney on (02) 9955 6400.

All on board agreed that it was a very comfortable and relaxing six days. None of this would have been possible without the efforts of the Flag Officers and Committee of the CYC for conducting the Twilight series. I believe that the success of all sponsored sailing events is only possible in the long term, by the routine participation of all club members with their dinghies or yachts on a regular basis, in the various sailing events throughout the season.

Gerard Buker

Sailing Discovery

WHAT-A-DAY! To everyone who supported the day thank you very, very much. For an event that was to last only three hours, it was pleasing to see volunteers arriving by 9:00am, setting up stalls, boats and then seeing these same people leaving way after 5:30pm. Volunteers make this club and I am proud to say that was very evident on Monday, 16 March 1998.

On land displays were provided by:

- The CYC (Historical, Fleet and Race Support Boats),
- CYC Sailing School,
- Canberra Cruising Yacht Association,
- Mirror Association,
- Flying Fifteen Association,
- Canberra Ocean Racing Club,
- Sailability,
- The Tuggeranong Sea Scouts,
- Canberra Dragon Boat Association,
- Canberra Rowing Club,
- Traditional Boat Squadron of Australia,
- Burleigh Griffin Canoe Club,
- Water Police,
- Australian Maritime Safety Authority,
- Waterways (NSW),
- ACT Government (Lakes Management)
- St John's Ambulance

Sailing rides were kindly provided on West and Central Basins by trailer sailors, dinghies, RSU, Sailability boats, canoes and the Steam Launch 'Jenny'.

The Canberra Southern Cross Club generously donated:

- Face painting,
- Giant Air Castle rides,
- Balloon Modeling, and
- Sausage Sizzle.

The success of the day was due to the generous support of members of the CYC, those clubs represented above, the various government authorities, the Canberra Southern Cross Club and Schweppes.

It is planned to make next year bigger and better. You, maybe would like to be on the committee for next year. Don't be shy in coming forward, the more the merrier which at the end of the day, makes it easier for everyone.

David Kent
Vice-commodore

"Canberra" - his dream for Gold

Peter Thompson's dream for Gold in the 2000 Paralympics was officially launched by Kate Carnel at a ceremony at the CYC on Monday, 16 March 1998. His dream to compete for Australia in the 2000 Paralympics was realized by the Canberra Southern Cross Club who sponsored Peter by buying him a 2.4mR yacht. This yacht is a one fifth scale model of a 12 meter yacht that was sailed in the eighties. Peter and coach, Ian Ruff can be seen match racing and two boat tuning most weekends on LBG.

Peter, we wish you the best for your campaign.

Boat storage update

Peter Dalton (coordinator) and three sub-committees have been working extremely hard to evaluate the problems facing boat storage. It is a difficult task and one that all members who store boats at the club acknowledge.

Slowly but surely progress is being made.

For further updates please phone Peter on 6280 7366 (w) or 6296 1146 (h).

AN OPEN LETTER TO CYC MEMBERS

Dear members,

We have seen some very useful work undertaken recently by a group of members in relation to boat storage. But at a meeting on 12 May to discuss that issue, concern was expressed about other aspects of Club administration.

I am not an apologist for the current 'management' committee but I do believe it is necessary for members to understand the situation in which the committee was placed when it was elected on 3 November 1997. The following points are relevant:

- There had been a period of hiatus leading up to the AGM, with what I would describe as a 'lame duck' Executive carrying out what was essentially a caretaker role.
- Apart from David Kent, none of the committee members elected on 3 November had had previous (recent) experience in CYC matters.
- The new committee had a totally different task to perform than previous Executives.
- For a range of reasons, several members who had formerly put in a lot of personal time and experience to sailing administration in particular, were not available to the new committee.
- All committee members have their own careers to pursue (previously, at

least some of us were retired gentlemen!).

- The new committee had to deal immediately with several major items of unfinished business associated with the new situation of the CYC, eg the Memorandum of Understanding with the CSCC, a business plan, a training and development strategy.
- The committee needed to understand our new financial situation and set in place appropriate systems for managing the finances.
- The Club no longer has paid staff to provide the necessary administrative support associated with running any type of club – virtually since June last year, we have had to rely on voluntary labour to do most of those tasks (despite what some may think, David Kent's task **doesn't** include admin support) e g preparing & sending out to some 400 members any necessary letters & notices, accounting for our finances, paying the bills, etc.
- An indicator of the extent of member interest in the Club was that only 8 nominations were received for 7 offices, and there were no nominations for any of the sub committees.

In addition of course, the committee has had to ensure that our sailing program has been maintained.

My point is that it was inevitable that in the transition from a long established situation to a totally different situation, not all the expectations of members would be met in the short term. But I continue to be confident that if **all** the members pull in the one direction, in the interests of the Club rather than in the interests of some personal or other, ego/ambition, and respond positively to requests for help when called upon, then we will be a bigger and better Club following the rescue mission of the CSCC.

Consistent with the new situation of the CYC, the constitution adopted by the AGM without dissent, gives the committee the freedom to operate as it sees fit, within certain parameters but without the constraints of the outdated constitution. With our newly established independence, with our new committee and our new constitution, and in today's world, we should be looking afresh at what we need to build the Club for the future. I believe the committee is doing that but the committee needs the support and encouragement of the members, and incidentally, of the YAACT. One new approach that I understand has been tried but has not been taken up by Class Association/Division representatives and members generally is a monthly get together with the Commodore and other committee members, in place of the former quarterly meetings. It seems to me that if the committee members are prepared to devote that amount of time to member consultation, the approach should be supported. It certainly has better potential for members to know and influence what is going on than the outmoded quarterly meetings. (How many sporting organisations do you belong to that have quarterly meetings of members?).

It must also be said that in the period when we were negotiating with the CSCC, it surprised and disappointed me that very few, if any, members approached me personally (between general meetings of members) for additional information about what was happening - despite suggestions I heard of undercurrents of dissatisfaction, and even attempts to undermine.

Commodores are there for members to approach when they have a need so please, if there are issues of concern to members, bring them to notice by making contact with the Commodore or Vice Commodore rather than let them fester among small groups that don't have access to the full picture. And let the committee get on with the job for which it was elected on our behalf, without the distraction of extraneous issues.

Yours sincerely
Peter Forster
A concerned Immediate Past Commodore
20 May 1998

Canberra Yacht Club

.... active in sailing

Dear members

This letter is to give you formal notice that the Club's Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday 17 August 1998 at 8pm in the Sailors' Cabin at the Yacht Club.

The suggested agenda for the meeting is attached and I have also attached the minutes of the last AGM for ease of reference.

Also attached is the Commodore's Report. Our finances are currently being audited. The necessary finance documentation will be available at the AGM and the Treasurer should be able to talk to these documents at the meeting. In order to run the meeting efficiently and focus on the coming year, the Commodore's Report covers most of the Committee's activities except the treasury function.

You should have received recently in the mail advance papers for the AGM. These were: the Executive Summary of the Strategy and Business Plan; a suggested structure for the Committee; and nomination forms for the election of the new Committee.

Please note that copies of the full Strategy and Business Plan (some 30 pages) are available in the Club's main upstairs office for you to read should you wish. I urge all members of the Club to make themselves conversant with the Executive Summary and to read the full document in preparation for considering it at the AGM.

Any member who would like to have any matter in the document clarified may phone Neil Primrose who has facilitated this planing process on 6295 9154 (w) or 6295 0980 (h). This is to help clarify any matter of which members are unsure. It is not to be a substitute for consideration at the AGM.

You will note that the format in which nominations are sought is different from the suggested structure for the Committee contained

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Paul Bryden
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02 - 6230 6152

Treasurer
Carol Wylde-Browne
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Member
Anita Faulks
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Member
Trevor Hippisley
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02 - 6254 9102

Member
Peter Thompson
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***Fax:* 02 - 6295 6603**

in the Business Plan and circulated to you previously. This is because the Club's Constitution provides for three specified office bearers plus four ordinary members and nominations must conform to that. You would have also noticed that the nomination form also included provision for an honorary Youth Committee Member. Most members will appreciated the reasons behind this idea and if proves to be successful, than we can move to formalise the position on the Committee. However, it is not proposed to change the Constitution at this time.

What is proposed is that the AGM note the proposed structure. This will then go forward to the new Committee, which will be able to decide whether or not to accept the new structure in its working arrangements. Obviously, with the extensive consultation that has gone into the preparation into the Business Plan, and in light of further comment at the AGM, the suggested structure would be a sensible point at which the new Committee might start its work. Once we see how this structure works in practice over a period of time, we could look at formalising it, if we want to, at a future AGM.

With that in mind, members being nominated for positions on the Committee and those who are nominating them have a guide as to the range of tasks and the level of management expertise that could be expected of those who are elected.

The Strategy and Business Plan draws together the unprecedented opportunities that are before us and charts the course for the Club that is the most exciting we have ever had. It is up to us to manage those opportunities wisely and energetically. The decisions we take at this AGM will be a turning point for the Club. I urge all members to attend and have their say. I hope everyone will come well prepared by having studied all the documents that have been provided to support your input at the AGM.

Yours in sailing

Robert Redfern

Robert Redfern

July 28, 1998

ACT SAILING INCORPORATED

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Executive Nomination Form 1998-1999

(Separate form for each nomination please.)

CYC Executive positions available:	Commodore Vice Commodore Treasurer Members (four positions) Youth Member (honorary)

Nominee and Membership No. .....

.....

Position for which nominated. .....

Nominator and Membership No. .....

.....

Signatures:

Nominee.....Date.....

Nominator .....Date.....

Deadline for nominations: ***Monday, 10 August 1998***

Mail nominations to: ***Canberra Yacht Club***
GPO Box 2035
CANBERRA ACT 2601

Mark envelope: ***"Executive Nomination"***

Attached is a suggested outline of the role and functional responsibilities for each executive position in line with the proposed CYC **Strategy and Business Plan 1998-2001**.

This plan is subject to endorsement by the AGM but nevertheless gives nominees an indication of the positions available and their proposed roles.

The **Strategy and Business Plan 1998-2001** has the support of your current executive and the proposed roles and responsibilities of executive members will provide them with meaningful and critical roles in the administration an ongoing development of the CYC.

Attachment B

Suggested Structure for the Committee

Commodore

- Figure head for members
- Champion the Club externally
- Lead the relationship with the CSCC
- Lead strategic planning and policy
- Chair the users' group
- Chair the Committee

Needs a small group in support to provide strategic level advice and to be a sounding board for difficult issues.

Vice Commodore

- Manage implementation of the Business Plan
- Liaison point with CSCC planing group
- Provision of infrastructure

Needs task group on planing the CYC's facilities and infrastructure. Use Club or outside expertise to assist with the change management task.

Treasurer

- Develop long term financial plan
- Introduce accrual accounting
- Develop a risk management strategy
- Control the Club's financial affairs

Needs a task group to undertake detailed administration of the function.

Director, Racing

- Establish the racing program
- Promote the CYC as a venue for regattas and special events
- Co-ordinate protest committees and oversee the technical aspects of racing
- Serve as the contact point for the race and rescue services contractor
- Linkage of training graduates with the racing program

Task group comprised of the Class and Division representatives.

Director, Cruising

- Establish the cruising and associated social program on Lake Burley Griffin
- Arrange cruises beyond Canberra
- Linkage of training graduates with the cruising activities

Needs a task group to assist with this work

Director, Member Services

- Identify members' demands and develop a work plan to meet them
- Arrange social events
- Liaise with the CSCC on food and other services for members associated with sailing occasions
- Control boat storage/parking

Needs a task group to assist in running activities and in continuing to meet members' needs

Director, Marketing, Promotion and Public Relations

- Develop a marketing and promotion work plan for the CYC
- Co-ordinate the work of the Sailing Promotion Manager
- Support the Commodore in championing the Club in the wider community

Needs a small task group to assist in this work and to back up the Sailing Promotion Manager

An additional person to be appointed by the Committee to serve as Secretary to the Committee and Public Officer to assist with agendas, minutes and other support work for meetings of the Committee.

Heads of Business Units

Manager, Race Management and Rescue Operations

Director, Discovery, Commercial and Coaching Program

Sailing Promotion Manager

Office Manager

The functions of the Heads of the Business Units are as described in Section 5 of the Business Plan.

CYC Presentation Dinner 1997/98

Canberra Southern Cross Club Yacht Club

Sunday - 21 June 1998

12.30 pm for 1.00 pm

This year's Presentation Dinner will be accompanied by a delicious two course buffet of succulent hot dishes and sweets for $15.00 per adult and $12.00 per child (under 12 years).

Please complete the booking form below and return either via fax, mail or hand to the CYC. All bookings are required by close of business on **14 June 1998**. **Bookings are essential to avoid disappointment.**

If you pay prior to 14 June 1998 you will receive a rebate of $5.00 per person. A buffet for $10.00 per adult or $7.00 per child - where else would you get such great value?

Come and share in this year's sailing triumphs, door prizes and fun.

Booking form: CYC Presentation Dinner - 21 June 1998
Canberra Yacht Club, GPO Box 2035, Canberra City, ACT, 2601
Facsimile #: 6273 7177

Yes, please reserve _____ **place(s) for the CYC Presentation Dinner:**
Number

_____ **Name of person**	_____ **Name of person**
_____ **Name of person**	_____ **Name of person**
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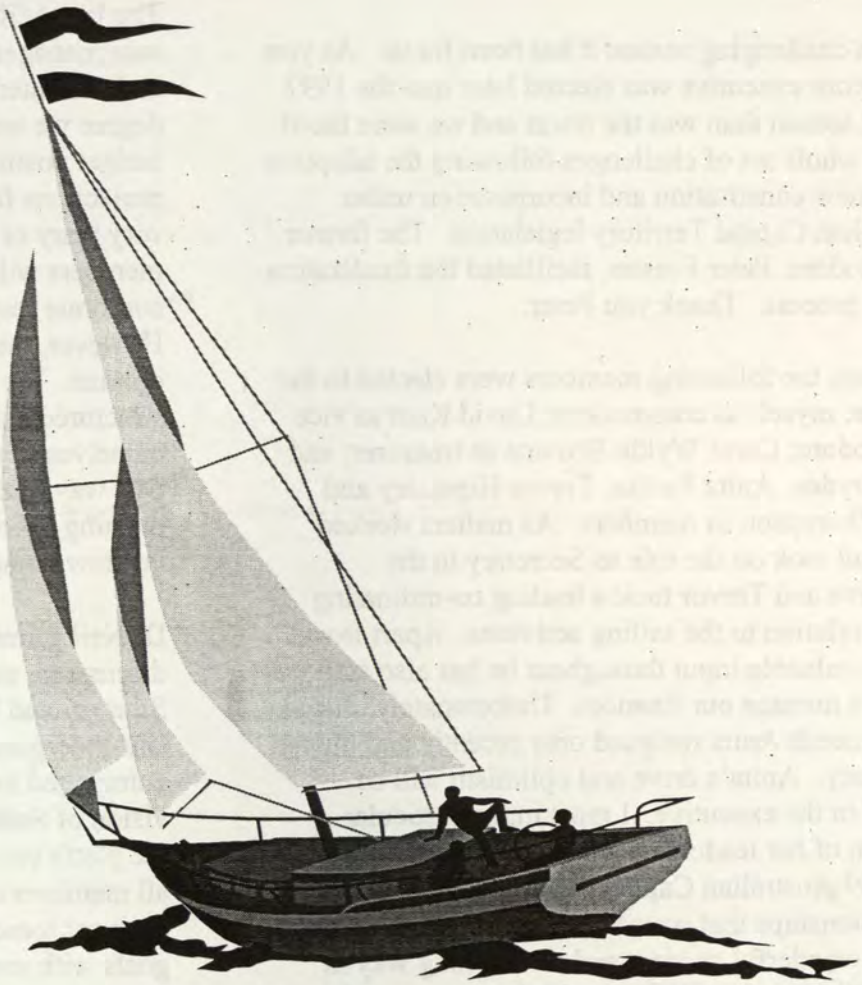
I / We would prefer to sit at _____ Class table.

Cheques are payable to the Canberra Yacht Club.

Canberra Yacht Club



Commodore's Report

1997-98

Fellow sailors and members,

Introduction

What a challenging season it has been for us. As you know your executive was elected later into the 1997 sailing season than was the norm and we were faced with a whole set of challenges following the adoption of the new constitution and incorporation under Australian Capital Territory legislation. The former Commodore, Peter Forster, facilitated the finalization of this process. Thank you Peter.

To recap, the following members were elected to the execute: myself as commodore; David Kent as vice commodore; Carol Wylde-Browne as treasurer; and Paul Bryden, Anita Faulks, Trevor Hippisley and Peter Thompson as members. As matters worked out, Paul took on the role as Secretary to the executive and Trevor took a leading co-ordinating role in relation to the sailing activities. Apart from Peter's valuable input throughout he has also assisted Carol to manage our finances. Unfortunately, due to family needs Anita resigned only recently and moved to Sydney. Anita's drive and optimism will be missed in the executive. I must make particular mention of her leadership role in the organization of the 1997 Australian Capital Territory Dinghy Championships that were run from the CYC. They were a wonderful success and went a long way in re-establishing the CYC's credibility so soon after the new executive was elected.

Relationship with the CSCC

We had some remits from the last AGM. A priority for me was to establish a working and amicable relationship with the General Manager of the Canberra Southern Yacht Club, Peter Head, and at the same time put in place between us a formalized relationship. This we have done and the details were recorded for all to read in a newsletter.

It was also necessary for the executive to consider a Training and Capital Purchase Program.
An executive sub committee met to discuss and debate how best the monies could be best used to support our racing and training activities. The program has been cleared through the CSCC management and a purchase program is being implemented and the benefits should be seen during the 1998-1999 sailing and training season.

Race Management outsourcing and Strategy and Business Plan

The last AGM also sought to have us put in place race management arrangements. We began looking at this matter early in our term but to a considerable degree we were held back by the uncertainty of our budget position. While we had some budget projections from the pervious executive, we were very wary of over committing funds. I think members will appreciate that as a new executive with corporate responsibilities, we needed to be cautious. However, these constraints did not cut off our options. We realised that if we wanted a more structured and considered future we needed to put ourselves as a club through some self analysis. The best way of doing this is to undergo a "business" panning process and this has now been done over the last few months.

Dr Neil Primrose has facilitated a process of discussion, negotiation and consultation to produce a Strategy and Business Plan 1998 to 2000. This plan has undergone a number of iterations, which has culminated in a document that will see us meet our vision of **Sailing – fun and excitement**. Copies of the plan's executive summary has been circulated to all members and I commend it to you. I believe we have set some wonderful, challenging but achievable goals with some hard work and commitment from us all. If there is anything in the plan you would like to contribute to, please step forward and get "on board". The plan will be subject of discussion at the AGM.

The first increment of the plan is to seek expressions of interest to run a race management and rescue service. Depending on the response and costs, w would like to have these arrangements in place for the 1998-99 sailing season subject to clearance from the membership via the AGM.

The development of this plan has not been an easy process and much time has been devoted to consultations with people who have had a long history of involvement with the club and with people who have a stake in its future. Many thanks to Neil Primrose who has devoted many honorary hours to its production and the quality of the final product is a credit to him and all those people who participated in the process.

National Museum and impact on LBG

Members will recall the concern expressed over certain aspects of the new facilities for the National Museum of Australia to be built on Acton Peninsula; namely the construction of wetlands and gabions on the shore line and a bridge connecting the Peninsular to Lennox Gardens. A detailed CYC submission (prepared with the help of Peter Forster) dated 25 November 1997 was presented to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works and I appeared to give evidence before the Committee on 9 December 1997. The Committee's report that covers these matters has been finalised. The Committee recommended that the need for the inclusion of gabions on the wetlands should be reviewed as submerged wave barriers should not be provided due to their deleterious effects. The Committee noted that on advice of government departments the bridge is, at this stage, conceptual only and will be subject to further investigation and consultation and will entail environmental and heritage consideration, and if found to be significant, will need to be referred to Environmental Australia. In addition, an amendment to the National Capital Plan would also be required. This matter will need monitoring.

Club Fees

An area of significant income for us is membership and boat-parking fees. We have tried to keep membership and sailing fees within the range of last year's. We also noted the call from a number of members to reintroduce a category for family membership. The active participation of families in a sailing club is an important way of building both a greater involvement of women and the next generation of sailors. I hope this initiative is supported.

Race sailing fees have remained similar to last year's. But depending on costs associated with a possible race management and rescue service, there may be a need to revisit fees. At a guess, I think serious racing members would be OK with an increase in sailing fees knowing that duty classes may be a thing of the past and races are run on a consistently professional basis. But a rise in fees will be a last resort.

Boat Parking

Boat-parking arrangements have also been under review. In this regard I would like to acknowledge the work by Peter Dalton and his committee. Peter has been leading a team examining boat-parking policies and associated arrangements. There is a proposal being developed to make available more spaces to overcome waiting lists and enhance income potential. Thank you Peter.

Sailing

Everyone will acknowledge that last year's sailing program had some short comings. But I hope that any criticism will not be laid on anyone or any administration. The past 12 to 15 months have been very difficult for all concerned. Despite some rumblings about some issues that have since been examined and hopefully corrected, there were some real positives for us:

- Last season's sailing program was conducted in some really good wind conditions.
- The Australian Capital Territory Dinghy Championship hosted by the CYC was a great event.
- The Twilight season was a success and culminated in a wonderful presentation night.
- After a slow start, the sailing "users group" has really taken off and is now making a real impact on how racing at the club is structured. This has spread the ownership of sailing administration and exposed decision-makers to a much broader range of ideas and experience.
- The 1997-98 Presentation Lunch was an unbelievable success. More people attended this function than others I have attended.
- This season's CYC sailing program has now been circulated. Thanks to the sailing "users group", this program has a very good feel about it and has introduced a number of new features.
- The Winter Series has been outstanding. Fleets have never been bigger or more competitive - trailable yachts have been numbering more that 20!
- The sailing instructions for the coming season should be available soon and they will incorporate some new courses and members may aware that

we are seriously examining the outsourcing of race management and rescue services.

I have some real positive vibes about the coming season and I hope everyone will get their boat on the water at the earliest opportunity.

Training

David Kent said that 20 instructors worked long hours to meet the aims of our training courses. And I am also proud to mention that a small nucleus of CYC members performed tirelessly as well. I thank them for their tremendous efforts.

As proof of their efforts, I am advised that the CYC Sailing School is maturing. Statistically, the number of children and adults completing sailing courses since 1995-96 has increased annually by 240% and 64% respectively.

At this rate of growth, the number of students will outstrip training fleet availability. The training fleet is in need of upgrade and as a result of CSCC capital funds now being made available, 12 Toppers have been ordered from the UK with delivery expected later this year. Locally made new sails have been ordered for the Skyriders. Racking for the boats, other training equipment and repair tools are also to be ordered. Inflatable craft haVE been ordered and will be used jointly with racing.

Although the growth in the number of children completing courses was 240%, it is apparent that the retention rate is area that we need to work on harder. I understand that arrangements are in hand to form a union between the Lake Tuggeranong Sea Scouts and the CYC and those kids who have exhausted the Sea Scouts sailing will progress to the CYC. These types of unions are opportunities for growth and your Committee will need to look to these and other ways and means to encourage kids to take up racing with us.

It is useful note that training remains at a basic level and a gap in the age profile of those undertaking training has been unidentified - 15-30 year olds. This is an age group that has a lot of disposable income and the we will need to look how we can attracted this cohort to training and racing.

The school offers its training boats free for a month to all students after completion of each course. To further compliment the introductory passage of students, it is planned that students who wish to continue sailing will do so initially within a group called "Transail". Discussions with students about "Transail" have proven extremely favourable. It is hoped that students will emerge with greater confidence and be placed on the CYC Crew Register.

Entry to this sport is difficult and participation is the key. The planned coaching days incorporated into this coming season's sailing program is a start in the right direction.

Finally

Some members may not have been aware that all members of the executive during the 1997-98 sailing season held down full time working positions. In addition, a number had family responsibilities or other personal calls on time. I have been very grateful for the amount of honorary time and eff they have been able to devote to their duties. I am personally aware of a number of sacrifices that have been made at a personal level to fulfill their CYC executive roles. To all of you, thank you, jobs well done.

I would also like to express my thanks to those people whom came forward and took on work to help in some of the club's management functions. I have already mentioned the name of Peter Forster, Neil Primrose and Peter Dalton. Other names that stand out are Terry Ebril (race support), Peter Taylor (assistance with the Winter Series), Rebecca Hippisley (assistance with newsletters and information mail outs, staffing of food vans, and function arrangements) and those members who ' e assisted Peter Dalton on reviewing boat parking arrangements. I know that Ross Wylde-Browne has been of great assistance to Carol keeping track of our finances and he has also helped in producing newsletters and sailing instructions. Behind the scenes, Rod Badgery also applied his professional expertise in a number of important legal areas in an honorary capacity.

I am sure that there have been others who have put in and I thank you all for your assistance. I wish you all a very successful new sailing season.

Robert Redfern

AUDITORS REPORT

1998

TO THE MEMBERS OF

ACT SAILING INCORPORATED
A DIVISION OF
CANBERRA YACHT CLUB
INCORPORATED

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ACT SAILING INCORPORATED
Statement By Management Committee

In accordance with the Associations Incorporation Act 1991, the management Committee of ACT Sailing Incorporated state the following in regard to the year ended 30 June 1998.

A The names of the Management Committee members during the financial year were:

Robert Redfern	David Kent	Carl Wylde-Brown
Peter Thompson	Paul Bryden	Trevor Hippisley

No Management Committee member received either directly any fees, salaries or any other payments with the exception of David Kent who was employed by The Canberra Southern Cross Club.

B The principal activity of the Club during the financial period was the promotion of sailing activities & facilities.

During the year there was no change in the principal activity.

C The result of the Club's operations for the year was a profit of $23,043.

D The attached profit and loss account gives a true and fair view of the Club's profit for the year ended 30 June, 1998.

E The attached balance sheet gives a true and fair view of the Club's state of affairs as at 30 June 1998, and

F There are, when this statement is made, reasonable grounds to believe that the Club will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Committee.

Robert Redfern ..... Carol Wylde-Brown .....

Dated: 10 August 1998

To The Members

ACT SAILING INCORPORATED

Independent Auditor's Report

SCOPE

We have audited the financial report of ACT Sailing Incorporated for the year ended 30 June, 1998 as set out on the following pages. The Committee of the Club is responsible for the presentation of the accounts and the information contained therein. We have conducted an independent audit of the accounts in order to express an opinion on them to the Members of the Club.

Our audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards to provide a reasonable level of assurance as to whether the accounts are free of material misstatements. Our procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial report, and the evaluation of accounting policies and significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion as to whether, in all material respects, the accounts are presented fairly in accordance with Australian Accounting concepts and standards and statutory requirements so as to present a view of the Club which is consistent with our understanding of its Financial position and the results of its operations.

The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

Audit Opinion

In our opinion, the financial report presents a true and fair view of the financial position of ACT Sailing Incorporated as at 30 June, 1998 and the results of its operations for the year then ended, in accordance with the Australian Accounting Standards and to comply with the provisions of the Associations Incorporation Act, 1991 of the Australian Capital Territory.

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Peter Womack
DAWSON & WOMACK
Chartered Accountants

Canberra

Dated: 6/8/98

ACT SAILING INCORPORATED

Income & Expenditure Statement

for the year ended 30 June 1998

	1998 $
Income	
Race Entry Fees	16,970
Training Fees	32,334
Operations Income	4,960
Boat Storage Fees	22,110
Membership Subscriptions	7,522
Grants & Sponsorships	196
Interest	96
Club Insignia	116
Room Hire	94
Total Income	84,398
Expenses	
Racing Expenditure	
Advertising & Promotion	339
General Racing Expenses	8,562
Operations Expenses	57
Training Expenditure	
Advertising & Promotion	1,893
General ~~Racing~~ Training Expenses	4,736
Hire Charges	3,160
Operations Expenses	40
Repairs & Maintenance	1,040
Salary Reimbursements	7,363
Volunteers Expenses	2,615
Operations Expenditure	
Fuel & Oil	1,314
Repairs & Maintenance	7,381
Salary Reimbursements	3,782
Volunteers Expenses	200
General ~~Racing~~ Operations Expenses	1,286
Expenses	
Accounting Fees	437
Advertising	130

ACT SAILING INCORPORATED

Income & Expenditure Statement (cont)

for the year ended 30 June 1998

	1998
	$
Club Insignia Purchases	200
Depreciation	176
Flag Officers Expenses	68
Insurance	4,140
Land Rent	2,100
Postage	252
Printing & Stationery	461
Staff Amenities	6
Salaries & On Costs Reimbursements	8,013
Telephone	1,438
Bank Charges	166
Total Expenditure	61,355
Operating Profit	**$ 23,043**
Plus Other Income	
YAACT Subscriptions	3,855
Less Other Expenses	
YAACT Subscriptions	3,855
Net Profit /(Loss) for the year	**$ 23,043**

THE ACCOMPANYING NOTES FORM PART OF THESE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
THIS STATEMENT IS TO BE READ IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE AUDITORS REPORT

ACT SAILING INCORPORATED

Balance Sheet

as at 30 June 1998

	1998 $
Members Capital & Reserves	
Net Profit /(Loss) for the Year	**$ 23,043**
Represented By:	
Current Assets	
Colonial State Bank	36,088
Petty Cash	570
Total Current Assets	36,658
Non Current Assets	
Equipment -at Cost	522
Less Accumulated Depreciation	176
Total Non Current Assets	346
Total Assets	$ 37,004
Current Liabilities	
Membership 98/99 in Advance	3,890
Boat Storage 98/99 in Advance	7,740
Race Fees 98/99 in Advance	2,331
Total Liabilities	$ 13,961
Net Assets	**$ 23,043**

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ACT SAILING INCORPORATED

Notes to and Forming Part of the Accounts (Cont)

for the year ended 30 June 1998

NOTE 3 STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS	**1998**
	$
Cash Flows from Operating Activities:	
Receipts from patrons	102,118
Payments to Suppliers and Employees	65,034
Interest Paid	96
Net Cash Flow from Operating Activities	37,180
Net Cash Flow from Investing Activities	
Payments for equipment	522
Net Increase/ (Decrease) in Cash Held	36,658
Cash at Beginning of Year	-
Cash at End of Year	36,658

NOTE 4 NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

a) Recoliciliation of Cash

Cash at Bank	36,088
Petty Cash	570
	$ 36,658

b) Reconciliation of Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities to Operating Loss:

Operating Profit/(Loss)	23,043
Depreciation	176
Change in Assets and Liabilities:	
Increase in Current Liabilities	13,961
Cash Flow from Operations	37,180

ACT SAILING INCORPORATED

Notes to and Forming Part of the Accounts

for the year ended 30 June 1998

	1998

NOTE 1 STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The club operates as a social and sporting club in Yarralumla A.C.T. The accounting policies adopted by the club in its accounts are in accordance with the accounting standards issued by the Australian Accounting Bodies and generally accepted accounting principles. Unless Otherwise noted these accounting policies have been consistently applied.

a) Historical Cost Accounting

The accounts have been prepared under the Historical Cost Convention and except where stated, have not been adjusted to take into account changing values.

b) Depreciation

Depreciation is provided on all non-current assets so as to write them off over their expected useful lives. Non current assets are reviewed annually and unserviceable or obsolete assets are written off.

NOTE 2 INCOME TAX

The Income Tax Assessment Act, 1936 (amended) provides that under the concept of mutuality clubs are only assessed for income tax on the proportion of income derived from non-members. In view of the above it is not considered appropriate to compare income tax expense with the operating result as disclosed in the Income & Expenditure Statement. No income tax is payable

Canberra Yacht Club
Sailing News - September 1998

A warm welcome to:

Jo Cresswell, our new Office Manager, started last week. Jo comes to us following a five year stint as Assistant Director of the National Folk Festival, and is a "lapsed sailor" who was involved in the CYC some years ago! Jo's office hours will be 11am to 2.30pm Wed, Thurs and Friday.

Tony Uzback is our new Boatswain. Tony will be maintaining and repairing our rescue and start boats, continuing on from Stan's fine work. Thanks Tony!

Your new committee, as appointed at the AGM:

Robert Redfern, Commodore 6255 6050
Neil Primrose, Vice Commodore 6295 0980
Carol Wylde Brown, Treasurer 6249 8457
Trevor Hippisley, Director Racing 6254 9102
Ken Betts, Director Cruising 6231 7980
Julie Barnes, Director Member Services 6247 3317
Robert Bain, Director Public Relations 6281 3912
Paul Bryden, Public Officer/Secretary 6254 0057

Each committee member will be looking for a task force to help with the many jobs their area of responsibility requires. Please give generously if called upon! If there's an area of particular interest to you, please don't hesitate to call the relevant member and volunteer your services.

Fond Farewells to:

David Kent, our Director of Sailing School, has resigned to take up a position with the Southern Cross Club. Dave has contributed enormous energy and time to our club over the past 3 years, working tirelessly to teach our newcomers and many others, the fine and fun art of sailing. We wish him all the very best in his new job, and look forward to seeing him around the club and out on the lake in Delta Lady.

Stan Wilson, has retired as our boatswain, due to illness. Stan has been an active member of CYC for many years and has quietly and patiently done a sterling job of keeping our rescue and start boats on the water. Stan, we sincerely thank you for all your help. Our thoughts are with you and your family and we wish you well.

Anita Faulks and family have moved to Sydney (although you'd never guess that from seeing her back again for the first race of the season!) It's our pleasure to take this opportunity to wish Anita a very big thank you for all the organisation and volunteer hours she and her family gave the CYC. Good luck in Sydney!!

Rescue and Start Boat Drivers Needed - Please help!!!

We need volunteer drivers for our race management fleet during Sunday afternoon races and Wednesday twilight races. Drivers will need a TL3 certificate or State motor boat license please, to satisfy safety regulations. Your level of involvement is negotiable depending on your availability - Perhaps one race a month.

Please contact our Duty Roster Co-ordinator Terrie Ebrill, telephone 6254 8491 for information, and complete the attached form when you're ready to sign up.

Principal Race Officer Wanted

Have you retired from regular sailing or just having a break? Would you like to continue your involvement in a very important capacity?

We are looking for a Principal Race Officer or a team of people to come together and run our Sunday and Twilight race program. This is an ideal way to contribute at the "sharp end" and help your fellow sailors by putting together well run races.

So if you think you can give us some of your time, please call your Commodore, Robert Redfern on telephone 6255 6050 (ah). All out of pocket expenses will be met.

Implementation of the Business Plan - Vice Commodore's Report

Your Committee met for a Planning Day last Saturday to finalize the Work plans for each Committee member for the coming year. The Work Plans will be the "sailing instructions" for the Task Groups being formed by each Director, and will be available at the CYC Office for the information of all Club members.

Action for Club Members: Please have a look at the Work Plans and familiarise yourself with what each member of your Committee is doing so that you can contact the relevant person on matters that are of interest to you. We expect that upwards of fifty or so people will be needed to assist on the various Task Groups.

If you have a particular skill that could help implement the Business Plan, please contact the relevant Director or Neil Primrose.

Meanwhile, much detailed work is under way to implement the Business Plan, including:

*Office Manager employed (see separate item)
*Office accommodation constructed
*Replacement Boatswain appointed (see separate item)
*Spring race program completed
*Summer race program under way
*New boats for the Sailing School have arrived
*Racking and storage in the Sailing School constructed
*Review of the role and cost of the YA of the ACT encouraged
*Director of Sailing School position advertised
*Allocation of external boat parking spots rationalised to reduce waiting list
*Arrangements for lunches for sailors and after race BBQs being made

Vice Commodore's Task Group

One of the issues that needs early attention is the legal status of the Sailing School - whether to retain it as an integral element of the CYC structure as at present, or to form it into a company for operational and taxation purposes.

Action for Club Members: Would any member who has the appropriate legal or accounting skills and who would be prepared to assist on a voluntary basis, please contact Neil Primrose.

Yachting Association (YA) of the ACT

As per the Business Plan, the vice Commodore has been nominated to the YA as the CYC's representative to the YA Council.

A number of issues about the role of the YA need to be worked through, especially at this time when the AYF subsidy to the YA has ceased and ACT Government grants have been substantially reduced. the YA cannot avoid the same tough questions that are being faced by every other sporting organization.
Your Commodore and Vice Commodore met with the President of the YA to establish a working relationship between the two executive committees. this will be a regular practice.

The CYC Committee will formulate the club's policy toward the role of the YA in this new environment at it's Planning Day. Issues include:
*What is the essential business of the YA and how it may add value to sailing in the ACT?
*The role of the YA vis a vis the Clubs
*To what extent is the YA needed to co-ordinate matters in a small community?
*How to handle the inevitable conflicts of interest in a small community?
*What level of funding is required for the YA to perform its essential functions?

Boat Storage

Thank you to Carol Wylde Brown, David Kent, Peter Dalton and the members of the boat storage committee (Cynthia Bartlett, Paul Bryden and Hamish Lyndsay) for their work in getting our boat storage issues sorted out. We have been able to offer storage to some new boats in the dinghy shed and the trailable Yacht outside storage area, and we are working on improving the number of spaces we can offer. Please be patient. Ph Julie Barnes 6247 3317 with enquiries.

Sausage Sizzle

Stay around after sailing on Sunday Oct 25 (first Championship race) and Sunday Nov 1 (first Coaching series race) for a club barbecue. Bring family and friends interested in checking out sailing and the club, they're friendly, relaxed events that give sailors a chance to chat (and tell the tall stories!) Stay tuned for info on more events, and if you would like to suggest any or help out with social events please call Julie Barnes hm 6247 3317.

Committee Member Profile

Each month we'll be profiling a different member of your committee, to help you get to know them and to give them a chance to tell you about why they're involved. This month we have ***Robert Bain****, our Director, Public Relations and Marketing. Over to you Rob.....*

Canberra Yacht Club has a superb location on a very user-friendly lake but, like all recreation and sports facilities, sailing in Canberra requires substantial organisation, communication and promotion if local residents and visitors are to enjoy it to its maximum potential. Participation by Club membership is the key to achieving this goal..

For some 30 years I have been a casual sailor/occasional racer on the lake. I have seen my children become competent sailors and , largely on the basis of our LBG learned skills, we have cruised our trailer sailor or chartered yachts all over eastern Australia from the Gippsland Lakes to the Whitsunday Islands. Thus, it is probably about time I helped out on the shore at the Canberra Yacht Club. the role assigned to me by the Board is to assist with marketing and promotion.

A couple of weekends ago I saw a good example of low key sports promotion. Some other sailors and I ran in a venerable Canberra sporting event, The Canberra Times Fun run. After about 25 years it still attracts hundreds of Canberran's of all ages, some out to break Deek's record, others happy to finish in their own good time.

At the end of the event competitors are given a bag of assorted pamphlets, health products and, of course, the Canberra Times. Once I had recovered sufficient composure from the stressful ten kilometers to review the contents of the bag, I could see that it was obviously a clever sports promotion to a target audience. A whole season of athletic events from family fun runs to highly competitive racing for all ages was presented in a very attractive, easily accessible format.

I hope that we can make sailing equally as inviting to as many Canberrans possible.

The Board of the Canberra Yacht Club has a broadly focussed business plan, which emphasises participation by the members. Club members and potential members all face competing demands on their recreation time. We would like to move sailing a few notches up people's priority list. One aspect of this task is information, accessibility and promotion. We are looking at proposals, including a Website, new signage, sponsorship, media coverage and a range of activities to make sailing at least as attractive as other recreation options for Canberra Yacht Club members and the wider community.

I look forward to working on these projects with Club members in the coming months.

Trailable Yacht Association

President	**Vice President**	**Safety Officer**
Ray Jones	Kerri Corlett	David Colless
Katie 11's Magic	Exotic Fantasy	Kangarang
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Secretary	**Treasurer**	**Publicity Officer**
Rob Lawler	Bob Bower	**Mary Kershaw
Hardware	Bosun	Micro
(02) 4228 4521	(02) 4267 2739	(02) 6258 4377

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General Committee
Jim Curry - Water Pistol 02 471 6018
*Shane Kershaw - Micro 02 6258 4377
Graham Lyons - Tuesdays Child - 02 9579 1159
*Peter Taylor - Pathfinder - 02 6286 2949
Chris Way - Breakout - 02 9452 2219
Ian Young - Penguins on Parade - 02 9875 5094
(* your local Canberra representatives)

The TYA Regatta Circuit 1998/99:

Jervis Bay 3-4 October 1998
Port Stephens 3,4,5 October 1998
Botany Bay 31 Oct-1 November 1998
Lake Illawarra 14-15 November 1998
Canberra 12-13 November 1998
St Georges Basin 6-7 February 1999
Port Kembla State Titles 27-28 February 1999
Pittwater 20-21 March 1999
Lake Macquarie National Championships 2,3,4&5 April 1999
Sydney Harbour 15-16 May 1999
Pittwater Winter Race 5-6 June 1999

Congratulations to Canberra boats Huntress (Neil Primrose), Pathfinder (Peter Taylor), and Micro (Shane Kershaw) who won places in the 1997/98 Travellers' series. Huntress collected 1st Overall, Pathfinder 1st Division B Overall and Micro 3rd Division B Overall. Well done!!

A new livery for the Club

As part of the work to implement the club's Strategy and Business Plan, Robert Bain has a PR expert advising on options for a new livery and logo for the Club. This will seek to build on our present Club colours to give us a modern presentation attractive to the community. There will be no change to the Club's official burgee. That will remain the same.

The livery with the logo will be used to 'tie together' the Club's image on our stationary, notices in the carpark and on the entrance to the Sailors Bar, the boats of the Sailing School, the race management and rescue boats and the Club's clothing, as well as for promotion and publicity purposes.

Consistent with our policy of consultation Neil Primrose will chair a contact group to advise on options suggested by the PR expert. If you would like to be considered for selection to that group, please leave your name and phone number at the office for Neil by Wednesday 14 October 1998.

We need a group of about twelve people that spans the range of situations and interests of Club members. It is hoped the group need only meet on one occasion for a briefing by the PR expert and to provide input to the Committee to reach a decision.

Assistance for the Director, Racing

To ease the load on Trevor Hippisley and allow him to actually go sailing on the odd occasion ! ! ! we are looking for someone reasonably experienced in managing the conduct of races to give him some relief on a periodic basis.

The primary task is a volunteer who is capable of taking a management role. However, other volunteers are always welcome.

We are still hoping to find a suitable Principal Race Officer to do the job on a regular basis. However, in the interim, if you can help, please contact Trevor on 6245 9102 (home). Thanks.

Next newsletter

As a general rule we intend to produce newsletters on a monthly basis to keep members informed of developments around the Club. Publication dates may "spin out" a little during winter, depending on developments at the time. The next issue will come out in the middle of October. It will include summaries of the Work Plans for each Committee member and their task groups, which were developed at the Committee's recent Planning Day and which will be finalized at the next monthly Committee meeting on 12 October.

The next issue will also include an outline of the Club's policy on the role of the YA of the ACT and how it might develop to complement the role of the Club in development of our sport. This will pave the way for Club members to support the YA at its AGM on Tuesday 24 November.

Comments/Complaints About Racing

Everyone has a suggestion or a complaint about how the racing is organized or run. Its fair game and we all do it from time to time. It gets it off our chest and there are often helpful lessons to be picked up. We want members to keep up the feedback - good and bad. So let's have it, please. However, we don't want to overload the Racing Director - you would be amazed at how much of his time is taken up with people wanting to argue the toss, too often on matters of minor import. So, please make your input through your class representative who will take your input to the Users' Group meeting, which is held at 6.00pm at the Sailors' Bar on the first Monday of each month. Better still, go along to the meeting with your class representative.

Also, if you have a complaint to make, please put your complaint in writing as an indication that you are serious. Complaints that are not serious enough to be put in writing are, presumably, not serious enough to take up the time of the meeting. We obviously need to get the balance right between spontaneity and serious intent. Hopefully this will be a way of doing that. And of course, if you think the workers are doing a good job, let them know. Its amazing how seldom that happens and what a difference it makes.

Your division representatives are:

Div 1A	(Fast Yachts CBH 675 and above)	Greg Lane ph 6258 7751 (hm)
Div 1B	(Slower Yachts CBH below 675)	Chris Kenyon ph 6296 11290 (hm)
Div 2	(Dinghies VYC Yardstick 108 and below)	Chris Ablett ph 6288 3896 (w & hm)
Div 3	(International Flying Fifteen)	Peter Fullager ph 6281 4808 (w & hm)
Div 4	(Laser)	Dirk Sweringa
Div 5	(Dinghies 109 and above)	TBA
Div 6	(Catamarans)	Brent Freestone ph 6236 9448 (hm)

***Race Start times**

*Sunday racing starts 2pm during
*Sept, Oct, Nov, Dec & March.
*For Jan & Feb, Sunday races start
*at 4pm.
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****Twighlight races*** begin on
*Wed 28 Oct, 6pm start time.

FLORIADE SPECIALS

Try our Floriade Breakfast/Brunch from 8.30am
MONDAY TO SATURDAY
$10.00 PER PERSON whilst Floriade is in town!
(our popular Sunday brunch at $15.00 is still on)
Or drop in for Floriade morning or afternoon tea
which includes Espresso coffee and cake
for just $5.00 p.p. And keep an eye out for our terrific
Floriade Lunch Specials!
BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL ON 6273 1784

MELBOURNE CUP LUNCH

Join us in our Melbourne Cup Day celebrations and enjoy
a 3 course buffet lunch for the low price of
$25.00 per person. Take part in
our best hat competition and lucky door prizes.
Then sit back and enjoy the race.

Enjoy great dining, good views and fine service.

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL ON 6273 1784
(No bookings accepted without payment)

CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH

Why spend Christmas in a hot kitchen!
Come to the Yacht Club for fantastic food,
sensational service and superb scenery.
Santa will be here to entertain the kids.

Tickets are $40.00 per person

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL ON 6273 1784
(No bookings accepted without payment)

Canberra Yacht Club
Sailing News - October 1998

Yachting Association News

Copies of the newsletter of the YA of the ACT are available in the display bureau at the CYC Office for Club Members. Please take one. There is a considerable amount of useful information in the newsletter, including recent changes to the Racing Rules.

The Annual General Meeting of the YA will be held at 8.00pm on Tuesday 24 November 1998 in the Sailor's Cabin at the Canberra Yacht Club. The business of the meeting is to

> Receive and adopt Reports for 1997/98
> Determine subscription rates for 1999
> Elect Office Bearers for 1998/99
> General Business

Nominations of candidates are hereby called for the following positions:

> President
> Vice-President
> Senior Vice-President
> Treasurer
> Secretary

All members of the CYC are eligible to vote at the AGM of the YA.

A major item of General Business will be a review of the role of the YA in adding essential value to the work of the Clubs. Your Committee has put its views to the YA. A copy of that correspondence is attached for the information of all Club Members. Neil Primrose would welcome your comments.

It is important that Club Members attend the YA's AGM and contribute to decisions on:

> what we want the YA to do for us
> what we don't want the YA to do, and
> what the cost of the YA's activities should be.

That cost comes directly back to all Club Members through the fee that the YA levies on your annual subscription to the Club (presently $15 per member)

Annual Sporting Groups Dinner and Awards Presentation

The Southern Cross Club's Annual Sporting Groups dinner and awards presentation night will be held at Woden on Saturday 14 Nov 98, at 7pm for 7.30pm.

Our club is entitled to nominate the person we believe to be the most suitable for the Sportsperson of the Year Award. Our nomination must be in by 2 November.

Would anyone wishing to propose one of our high achievers for nomination please contact Julie Barnes on 6247 3317, by October 28th.
Julie also has tickets for the dinner. The cost is $20 for a three course meal, presentaiton ceremony, live music and dancing. Please call Julie if you would like to attend.

Correction from last months edition.

The Canberra TYA Regatta is 12-13 December 1998, not 12-13 November as published.

Crew Register and Boats for Sale Register

We now have 3 registers for Crew Wanted, Crew Available and Boats for Sale located on the bookshelves in the Sailor's Cabin. If you're available to crew just write your details on one of the forms in the appropriate folder, likewise you can put your wish list for the crew you want or the boat you want to sell into their registers.

Volunteers needed - please help!

This is a plea from your Director, Member Services, to sign up for her task force!

I need around 6 or 7 people who would like to help out on a regular basis - ideally taking on a particular responsibility and looking after that area from there on.
Tasks include helping to monitor boat storage, helping prepare the newsletter, helping to improve our facilities (change rooms and Sailor'sCabin) and helping organise and run the Club's social events.

The most immediate need is for people to help out with the two sausage sizzles planned for 1 November, both after Sunday sailing.

Please phone Julie Barnes on 6247 3317, with your generous offer of assistance. Thanking you in advance . . .... !!!!!

Committee Member Profile

This month we hear from our Commodore, **Robert Redfern,** who gives us an insight into this demanding but rewarding job. Over to you Commodore!

This is my second year of this commodoreship. I was privileged to have been elected previously to this position in 1989 and 1990. I think I am the only catamaran sailor (Hobie 18s) to have served in this position at the CYC but I have plenty of other outstanding commodores on which I can model myself even though they sailed monohulls.

Being commodore is not any easy role to fulfill. One often has to take a leading role in many aspects of club administration but at the same time not be seen as taking any particular side in an issue but acting as a facilitator or mediator. And there is always the problem that members bring matters to my attention only when a complaint is in the offering or something has gone wrong for them. I suppose that goes with the territory but it does wear thin after while. (I am allowed an occasional gripe!)

I work full-time in the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet and also nearly full-time (or so it seems) on CYC matters. Issues that I have been focussing on recently include the CYC "C" Series Sail Number Register, the CYC-CSCC relationship, the search for a new director of the sailing school, examining opportunities for members to advance their sailing qualifications (more on this hopefully in future newsletters) and looking at the role and functions of the YAACT from a CYC perspective. I have also been keen to put in place a TL3 course for club members and I refer you to the notice in this newsletter for further information on this. Qualified members in power boat handling are very important in support of on the water race administration and I commend the course to all.

Based on the turn out during the winter series and the fleets so far this spring, I think we are in for a bumper season. I have been very impressed with the activities being carried out by the Laser and FF15 classes to increase their fleet sizes.

I know that all my committee are working very hard on many other issues behind the scenes and in future newsletters we hope to bring you their self-penned profiles.

See ya on the water.

Spreading the News About

Mark Wallis has joined Rob Bain's Marketing, Promotions and Public Relations Task Group. He is responsible for getting Club results and news into the media.

But he needs your help!

If your Class or Division has news it wants to have covered or if you have an interesting sailing story or know of an event coming up that should be publicised, please call Mark on 6247 3498h or 6240 1234w.

Mark only recently took up sailing, having raced motor cycles in a serious way. He did the TL1 course at the Sailing School last year and is sailing forward hand on Huntress this season.

Sausage Sizzle Reminder

Stay around after sailing on Sunday 1 November for a club snag sizzle. You'll find it all happening at the BBQs outside the Sailor's Cabin.

Member contributions to newsletter

If you have any notices you would like printed in the newsletter, please leave them (preferably on disk, if they're long, to avoid retyping, saved as Word 2.0) in the pigeon holes in the Sailor's Bar under 'N' for Newsletter.

The Editor reserves the right to shorten pieces if necessary , and we can't guarantee that the notice will definitely appear in the next edition, but we will certainly do our best.

Notices should be sailing or club activities related. Please include your full name and address and contact telephone numbers. You can also leave requests for particular information that you would like the club to provide in the next newsletter - again, we will do our best to oblige!

Stop Press - Great News

Martin Kilpatrick, well known CYC sailor and multihull personality, has stepped forward to fulfill the vital roll of Principal Race Officer for our Twilight Race Series starting on Wednesday, 28 October 1998.

Martin's commitment is greatly appreciated by the committee. Sailors who participate in the series may like to shout him a drink during the series (not necessarily all on the same night) as a way of saying thanks.

We are still looking for people who would like to help Martin on a regular or irregular basis on Wednesday evenings. If you can help please ring Robert Redfern at home on 6255 6050 or at work on 6271 5617.

Notice of Race
Canberra Trailable Yacht Regatta
12th & 13th December 1998

The Canberra Yacht Club and the Trailable Yacht Association of New South Wales invites entries for the Canberra Trailable Yacht Regatta to be held on the 12th and 13th December 1998 on Lake Burley Griffin. The Regatta will be conducted by the Canberra Yacht Club under the authority of the Yachting Association of the ACT.

AYF TL 3 POWER BOAT QUALIFICATIONS

Expressions of interest are sought from CYC members who wish to gain AYF TL3 qualifications with Boat Rescue Certificate.

The course will be run over 5 weeks (5 three hour theory periods and 2 three hour practical periods). The course will start on Thursday 5 November.

The special course fee is $200 for the theory component (fee includes textbook, course notes and AYF TL3 logbook - value $40) and $100 for the practical component and assessment.

CYC members who offer their new found experience and qualifications as a CYC rescue boat driver and or rescue boat crew on a regular basis will be considered to have the practical component subsidised by the CYC.

These are unique and highly sought after qualifications.

The closing date for applications will be Friday, 30 October 1998.

In view of expected take up on this course, applications should be registered with **Teki Dalton's Adventure Sailing School:** telephone 6273 4040 or Facsimile 6273 5053 as soon as possible.

Notice of Race

Twilight Series starts Wednesday 18th October.
6pm start

Food For Sailors

Twilight Races

The Southern Cross Club will be offering a pasta buffet meal upstairs after the first 3 Twilight races (Oct 28, Nov 4 and Nov 11) and a balcony BBQ on Nov 18th. Cost will be around $7.50 for the pasta and $8.50 for the BBQ. So stay around after sailing, the meals will be good value and yummy, and a convenient and pleasant end to an evening's sail!

Sundays

Don't forget the Southern Cross Club has a 'shoulder' menu of snacks available in between meal times. We are also talking to them about arranging special food for sailors after Sunday races, so stay tuned!

Notice of Regatta

The Dragon Boat Association are organising a regatta here at the club on Sunday 14 Feb 1999 in the morning. We have a chance to join in, and use it as a "sailing discovery" opportunity. The CSCC are hoping to get the rowers involved too. This is just an early warning for people to think about how we might get involved - class displays and short rides on the cruising boats are the obvious options. Naturally, we'd need lots of volunteers to help! We'll get back to you - let us know what you think in the meantime.

New Sailing School

Well-known Canberra Yacht Club member and international sailor, Teki Dalton, has recently formed hiw own sailing school. Called **Teki Dalton's Adventure Sailing School**, this AYF Approved Scool is a Recognised Teaching Establishment and is approved to conduct and issue certificates under the AYF Logbook Scheme for TL2, TL3, TL4 and TL6.

Teki holds AYF endorsement as TL4 Yachtmaster Offshore Instructor, TL3 Examiner, TL6 Instructor and is an accredited Level 1 (sailing) and state coach. In December 1993 Teki completed a three-year appointment on the Board of the Australian Maritime Safety Authority. He is the editor of the *book 'Sea safety for Small Craft'* and writer/presenter of the videos *'Safe Boating'* and *'mayday, mayday, mayday* and contributes to Australian and overseas sailing publications. He is the author of the recently published twelve-part series on sea safety for the Australian magazine *'Cruising Helmsman'*.

Teki has competed in fifteen Sydney Hobart races, crossed the China Sea twelve times (racing and cruising) and has raced in the Mediterranean, the Pacific and the Atlantic oceans as sailing master or navigator.

All shore-based courses will be held at the Canberra Yacht Club. For details on available courses and costs, call Teki on 02 6273 4040, mobile 041 414 6340 or E-mail teki@ozemail.com.au

New generation sailing dinghy the 29er on display in Canberra

Sailing legend Frank Bethwaite will bring one of the new 29ers down to Canberra on Sunday 15 November for all interested sailors to test sail through the day. This exciting new craft has taken club sailing by storm. Plenty of opportunity for all to sail the boat and talk sailing to Frank. For advanced details on the boat phone Starboard Products on 02 9938 6003.

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Canberra Yacht Club "C" Series Sail Numbers
Policy Statement concerning Yacht Sail Number Register

The Canberra Yacht Club maintains a Yacht Sail Number Register as a service to members.

The Racing Rules require that all yachts must have a sail number to be eligible to race. Also as a matter of safety, all yachts should carry a sail number for ease of identification on the water or in case of emergency.

Canberra Yacht Club endeavors to maintain an accurate and current register. Owners with a "C" series number need to assist in the maintenance of the Register by advising the Canberra Yacht Club of change of ownership or any other relevant detail which could affect the Register.

Eligibility to carry a "C" series sail number is limited to yachts owned by member of the Canberra Yacht Club.

Sail numbers are issued to owners not to yachts. If an owner is disposing of a yacht there are two options available to him or her:

- The owner can retain the sail number for use on a new yacht (in which case all numbers must be removed from the sails before the yacht changes hands); or
- The owner may release the number to the buyer who must be a member of the Canberra Yacht Club.

In either case the owner must advise the Canberra Yacht Club of the full details of the change in ownership.

The are undoubtedly numbers on the Register that are either not longer in use or have changed ownership without advice to the Canberra Yacht Club. If you are aware of any such examples, or if you have seen duplicated numbers on the water, please let the Canberra Yacht Club Office know.

Finally, it is important to note that it is the owner who is issued the Sail Number and if an offence is committed or a yacht is involved in a search and rescue or some other incident on the water, the authorities will be looking for the person to whom the number was issued.

The current charges in relation to the Sail Register are:	
• Current holders of a "C" Sail Number:	CYC membership (currently $50).
• New application:	CYC membership plus $50.
• Out of Sequence Sail Number:	CYC membership plus $300.
• Transfer of Sail Number:	CYC membership plus $20.

Yachting Association Attachment

Canberra Yacht Club

Fax No. 62737177

To Kim Williams
President
YA of the ACT
Fax no. 6266 2414

Dear Kim.

I refer to Peter Cole's letter to me of 15 April 1998 requesting comment on the Draft YA of the ACT Sailing Development Plan, the preliminary comments made by Neil Primrose on the role of the YA at the last Council Meeting and our subsequent conversation.

The Committee of the CYC has now considered the YA's Plan and I am able to report the policy that the CYC Committee has adopted toward the role of the YA of the ACT.

We affirm the value of the ACT having its own voice at the highest level of the AYF, rather than being submerged as a part of the Southern Zone of the YA of NSW.

We well recognise that to have an effective voice, there needs to be sufficient engagement by the YA of the ACT to be taken seriously.

However, that does not mean that the YA of the ACT has to, or should, try to engage in every activity of the AYF.

The ACT does not have the resources to match the range of contributions made by the larger MYAs. The YA of the ACT serves, effectively, two clubs that are regularly running races. We need to tailor the role of the YA very carefully indeed.

The CYC holds the view, seriously and in a carefully considered way, that the YA of the ACT needs to undertake a fundamental review of its role and its relationship to the clubs in the ACT.

Basically, the YA tries to cover too much that is not requested by the clubs and ends up duplicating the work they do, or should be doing. We do not have such a large number of capable people in the ACT, who are willing to devote their time to organising sailing, that we can afford this duplication.

This problem emanates from the YA's Constitution. Its Objectives and the Powers of the Association are so broad as to potentially cover every aspect of sailing in the ACT. The Constitution needs to be reviewed to focus on the core business that is essential to add value to the work of the clubs.

The membership structure in the Constitution is so broad that there is no clear idea of who the YA serves and to whom it is accountable for the subscriptions it sequesters from the clubs

In the view of the CYC, the YA of the ACT should have not have the category of individual member.

It is the job of the clubs to serve individual members and the job of the YA to serve the clubs. This logic follows from the AYF Racing Rules of Sailing, 1997 - 2000.

The sailing activities of associations, such as the class associations, should be conducted through one or other of the clubs. If associations wish to run events, they should be regarded in the same way as the clubs and should pay a commensurate rate of subscription to the YA.

This leaves open the possibility of associate membership for bodies such as SailAbility ACT who, while their activities are run through the clubs, may still require the imprimatur of a "peak body" for the purpose of dealing with sponsors of grants and the like.

In the financial constraints that now apply to sporting clubs and the rigor all organisations are having to bring to their operations, the Draft YAACT Sailing Development Plan, with its attempt to cover the gamut of sailing development in the ACT, is hopelessly out of touch.

The CYC suggests that, instead of trying to fiddle with detail, the current draft should be set aside and a policy document on the role of the YA developed in time for the coming AGM. This can be the basis upon which the YA works in the 1998/99 season, while change to the Constitution is prepared for the following AGM. Only after the role of the YA is sorted out should decisions be made on the budget and, thus the subscription for the coming year.

The clubs should be consulted as a fundamental part of the YA's process of developing the policy document to ensure that it will complement their work and add value to their role as the primary bodies responsible for running sailing in the ACT.

To assist in starting that process off on the right track, I have attached a set of notes that have been suggested by the CYC Committee in the hope that they may be of some help.

The CYC looks forward to assisting the YA in the task of defining its role and to supporting the very important value adding role that the YA has the potential to play.

With best wishes,
Yours sincerely,

Robert Redfern
Commodore

View of the Canberra Yacht Club
26 September 1998

Role of the YA of the ACT

1. Given that the opportunity exists for the ACT to have a voice at the national level (c/f part of the Southern Zone of the YA of NSW), it is desirable to exercise that option
   - Precise role to be tailored to issues of the moment
   - Does need sufficient engagement to be taken seriously at senior levels of the AYF when an input is essential to promote local interests
   - But doesn't mean that the ACT can cover everything that might have been covered while part of the NSW YA

2. Problem that the Objectives and Powers of the Constitution are so broad that they duplicate the work of the clubs
   - Need to re-define where the YA is essential in adding value to the work of the clubs

3. Problem that the YA has so many classes of member it is not clear who it serves

4. It is the clubs that are the clients of the YA of the ACT
   - Not individual sailors, who are members of the clubs

5. Constitution of the YA needs to be amended to reflect a more focused role
   - Meanwhile, a policy statement should be passed by the AGM as the basis upon which the YA proceeds in the 1998/1999 season

6. The YA of the ACT serves a customer base of two clubs that run racing
   - Should respond to tasking from the clubs, rather than imposing what the YA decides they need

7. Useful for the ACT to be in the primary loop for AYF information, decisions and notice of forthcoming issues/events
   - YA should act as a conduit of that material direct to the clubs (to the extent that they can't get this direct via e-mail)
   - Don't filter or delay
   - Explain context or politics where requested

8. As with public administration at self government, the YA of the ACT needs to change the way it operates
   - Needs to outsource some services
   - Needs to be very focussed on where it really can add value that is requested by the clubs
   - Exit other activities that may have been undertaken previously
   - Re-balance responsibility and purchasing power back to the clubs

9. This change has been delayed by AYF grants and ACT government, but these are drying up

10. YA of the ACT now needs to undertake this change, which is no less than what is being undertaken by other organizations
    - Identify and focus on core business
    - Remove excessive process in the delivery of service
    - Put the client first (clubs)

11. More of the same is not an option

12. Co-ordination
    - Main responsibility for co-ordination rests with the two clubs
    - President of the YA has a limited personal role in facilitating club contact between the clubs at the top level
13. Sailing Rules and Appeals
    - This area of activity applies to all sailors in the ACT, which justifies an active role by the YA as facilitator on behalf of the clubs
    - Limit to which the YA needs to input back to the AYF
    - Much can be done by modern communications with limited travel
    - Use AYF pattern for notices of race and sailing instructions, with any exceptions for local conditions to be kept to the bare minimum and be well justified (objective to simplify clearance of the documents)

14. Training and Coaching
    - ACT contains only two training schools, which don't need YA assistance
    - Conduit of information from AYF should be direct and immediate (use the AYF's e-mail facility wherever possible)
    - Examination for accreditation be outsourced to examiners beyond the ACT to avoid conflicts of interest in our small community
    - Limited input only to the AYF in the development of courses and that be direct from the sailing schools to the AYF Coordinator
    - No travel envisaged

15. Activities that add value
    - Value of a championship-level schools squad be examined to assess whether best run centrally or left to the two sailing schools to run jointly or severally, with funding the responsibility of the parents and the clubs (note small constituency)
    - Sailability ACT continue to be managed by the YMCA Sailing Club with support from the CYC on the basis that it operates under the imprimatur of the YA, but funding is from the clubs and outside grants

16. Development of the sport of sailing
    - Primarily the role of the clubs, which will coordinate when necessary (note role of the President of the YA noted above in facilitating that coordination)
    - Provide "Peak Body" facilitation for clubs seeking ACT Government grants etc.(formal process that doesn't require a pro-active workload)

17. Finance
    - Return spending power to the clubs
    - Facilitate club-level activity in raising funds for specific purposes (very limited role expected and only when requested by the clubs)
    - Lay the basis for the ACT to bring the same micro-economic reform principles to bear on the AYF in the review of its funding and membership

18. Regulation
    - Active role in the AYF at Board level to reduce unnecessary regulation and accreditation requirements

Canberra Yacht Club
Sailing News - November 1998

New Director of the Sailing School

Sean O'Regan has been appointed as Director of the Canberra Yacht Club Sailing School to take up his duties on 30 November.

Sean has had extensive experience sailing dinghies, catamarans and yachts. He is a qualified coach and has worked over an extended period of time with the Lake Albert Sailing Club in Melbourne. He has strong references, including from Buster Hooper, the Australian Olympic Sailing Coach for both Barcelona and Savanah.

Sean is 27 and will be moving to Canberra with his fiancée, Wendy, who has competed in dinghies to State and National Championship level and who is keen to promote sailing among women.

A Board of Management has been established to manage the Sailing School and to provide support and business expertise to Sean. This is comprised of Neil Primrose (Chair), Teki Dalton, Karen Paxton and Ian Smith. The Club's Committee retains executive responsibility for the School.

Sean writes:

"From the beginning of December 1998, I shall commence the role as Director of the Canberra Yacht Club Sailing School. As a lifelong sailor, I have enjoyed the pleasure that comes from success within sailing on professional, social and competitive levels.

During my sailing career, I have competed at both International and National levels and have enjoyed the benefits of association with some of Australia's leading Olympic Sailing Coaches. From this experience I have gained considerable skill, knowledge and a firm belief in passing on this information for the benefit of all. I have always sought to provide the most effective and sound tuition, with a focus on making sailing safe, fun and enjoyable.

I firmly believe that the proposal for the future of Canberra Yacht Club will ensure that it becomes the leader in sailing tuition. The Yacht Club's solid commitment to enhance its existing programs and ability to look well into the future will benefit all sailors at various standards.
Hence, it is with great pleasure that my fiancée, Wendy and I move to Canberra and accept this exciting opportunity to help shape the future of our sport. We both look forward to sailing with you on Lake Burley Griffin.

Any old Vacuum

Do you have an old vacuum that would like a home down at the Club. Now we've got our spiffy new offices, we need a way of cleaning them. Give me a call or drop one down sometime. Yours in thanks! Jo (Office Manager) Ph 6273 7177.

Implementing the Business Plan

Results achieved by your Committee during November include:

- Appointment and induction of the new Director Sailing School, Sean O'Regan (see separate item)
- Accreditation as an Active Australia service provider - the quality assurance system for sporting organisations.
- Review of the Club policy on managing compliance with TYA Class Basic Handicaps (CBH).
- Provision to permit use of outboard motors as auxilliary power for trailable yachts.
- New computer fit-out for the Office Manager and Committee.
- New lighting and power outlets in offices.
- After-race BBQ following Heat 1 of the Club Championships.
- Arrangements with the CSCYC for keeping the Sailors Cabin tidy after bookings.
- Acceptance by YA of the ACT of the need to review its roles and procedures to better serve sailors and their clubs.
- Development of a strategic alliance with the Teki Dalton Adventure Sailing School.
- Appointment and induction of the new Director Corporate Services, Ian Smith (see separate item).

A significant range of other activities are under way. For much of the work being done there is little visible evidence at present.

You should shortly see:

- Regular coverage of the Club in the media
- New logo and signage to tie together and develop the Club's corporate image
- Re-starting of the Sailing School's program
- A women's crew (or several) competing in trailable yachts
- Hiring out of the Sailing School's boats for racing or recreational sailing
- Further refurbishment of the Sailor's Cabin
- A web-site and new stationery appropriate to the stature of the Club
- More after-race BBQs and social events
- Commencement of extensions to the boat park
- Special regattas

All of this work is on top of the on-going routine of running the weekly racing program.

Assistance is still needed on each of the task groups. Thanks to those who have stepped up already.

If you would like to assist with a task in the running and development of your club, please contact Neil Primrose and explore with him where you might be best able to get on board. (ph 6295 9154w or 6295 0980h)

If we have plenty of people who will do a little each, we can spread the load and no one should get over-burdened.

New Director Corporate Services

To shift some of the load from the Treasurer and to further assist the professionalism of the Club's financial planning and corporate administration, Ian Smith has been co-opted onto the Committee, with the title of Director Corporate Services.

The Committee welcomes Ian to the Committee and is grateful for his willingness to undertake this work. Ian will be putting a task group together to cover the span of work involved. The Treasurer will be a member of that group.

Ian's immediate task will be to set up the employment contracts, operating policies and financial arrangements for the Sailing School.

Ian is married with two adult children, and moved from Coffs Harbour, NSW, four years ago to work in Canberra and live locally in Yarralumla.

The Case of the disappearing shackle...

Shackles and fittings have been disappearing from boats on race days. If you *borrow* any fittings from a boat, please put them back. Preferably don't "borrow" fittings without asking first.

As a qualified accountant/auditor employed by Walter and Turnbull Chartered Accountants, Ian performs various types of financial and IT audit work for a wide range of public and private sector clients. Ian also has considerable engineering and business management experience gained in Australia and overseas, and looks forward to applying his expertise and experience to the position of Director Corporate Services, and assisting the Canberra Yacht Club achieve its strategic objectives.

Whilst living in Coffs Harbour, Ian was a keen and active ocean sailor and owned a Joe Adams designed "Mottle 33" which was used with equal passion for both club racing and coastal cruising. Early sailing experiences were obtained through the trailer sailor racing/cruising scene throughout NSW and Queensland.

Since moving to Canberra, competing priorities have meant that sailing interests have had to be put on hold for a while, but now Ian is fired up again, keen to get involved in Canberra Yacht Club activities both on and off the water and looks forward to meeting members and making new friends.

Sailing CYC Recreational/ Cruising News

Sat 28th November 1200-600
Kids with Cancer "Fun Day"

Don't forget lots of people less fortunate than ourselves will be counting on us to make this a 'Fun day for them". Seeing that I have been swamped by phone calls in response to this item in the last CYC Newsletter, I have enlisted the aid of our trusty 1B Division to assist with this programme. "come on 1A's, show us we are a terrific group of sailors with BIG hearts.

All that will be required is to take small groups of children & their carers on short trips around the lake. There will be lots of other attractions to keep them ocupied whilst they are waiting.

Sat 5th December 1600-onwards BBQ Cruise

Join us all for a BBQ Cruise on the lake to Springbank Island, starting from Lotus Bay at 1600 hrs. This will probably be our last chance to have a "Social" before Xmas, so all are welcome to attend. Bring along your crews & friends to join in the food & frolics.

Sun 13th December T.B.A. Pre-Xmas Festive Cruise

Could all persons interested in this event please give me an expression of interest, as it will also clash with the TYA Trailable Yacht Regatta & our normal club Racing. No news will mean that it will be cancelled.

Saturday/Sunday 10-11th January 1999
Jindabyne Sailing Weekend

This promises to be a great week-end of sailing, close to hoome for all those who want a change of scenery, for a chance at sailing on another lake in our area. all persons interested should contact Geoff Gillett, whom will be able to advise on meeting times etc. This type of event should be added to our programme to combine with other items; e.g. Marley Point, Bateman's Bay & maybe other places like Wagga Wagga.

Merry Christmas everyone & have a Happy New Year.

Ken Betts
Director, Recreational Sailing

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Canberra Yacht Club
Sailing News – December 1998

Commodore's Christmas Message

As we pause a while in our busy lives to celebrate Christmas, your Committee would like to wish you and your families the joy, peace and fellowship of this special time.

We hope you are able to enjoy the pleasure of being together with loved ones and friends. We hope the spirit of this Christmas season will light your way in the coming year. And we hope you enjoy some great sailing.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year
Robert Redfern

Women's crew now sailing

A women's crew has been formed at the Canberra Yacht Club and is now looking for more members. The crew has already been in a club race and the TYA regatta held in Canberra earlier this month.

They have been able to get on the water with the help of Frank Brown who generously loaned them his Castle 650, Mary Kathleen, for the two weekends. Thanks also to Neil Primrose for organising this arrangement and Sean O'Regan, for a coaching session.

The core of the new group is Karen Paxton, Tanya Stacpoole, Sara Kennedy and Judith Kennedy.

Karen says the CYC and the women's group wants to encourage more women to get involved in sailing. "We are doing this as an opportunity to learn to sail, to set an example for other women, to learn in a supportive environment and to sail regularly," she says.

"We're very lucky in that people have been very supportive and encouraging of the group. Now that we are sailing, we're interested in having other women come and join us in the crew."

A women's sailing committee has alsó been formed to come up with strategies to encourage more women to get involved in sailing. This group is looking at the barriers that keep women out of the sport, and how courses can be tailored to provide a safe and supportive environment for women, so they can get involved.

Karen says some of the research done by an earlier women's sailing group found an overwhelming number of females did not continue to sail after their initial training. The role of primary homemaker meant many women could not devote sufficient time and effort to build a skills base in sailing. "We need to look at treating them in a different way so their needs are met, then we can get them out on the water," Karen says.

Some women also expressed disappointment with the "boys own" club atmosphere associated with the sport. "We are using the new women's crew as a tangible example that sailing is a sport show-casing skill not brawn."

Phone the CYC office on 6273 7177 if you're interested in joining the group. And of course any sponsors would be very welcome.

TYA Regatta in Canberra

Canberra was unseasonably hot and humid when 33 boats descended on Lake Burley Griffin for the TYA Regatta in early December. We sweltered but the wind came in and local knowledge won out.

The passage race on Saturday afternoon was run in wind averaging 5 knots but on Sunday morning the lake was ominously still. Until, that is, the warning gun: the wind came in just minutes before the 10 am start, and stayed in, at 5 to 10 knots.

When the results came back, ACT boats took seven of the first 10 places. First was Quik Stix, an Elliott 7 with Tom Wharton at the helm, second was Matty Owen in his Elliott 5.9, Scarlett O'Hara, and Craig Tucker came third in Harmony, a Sonata 760.

We are sure the 11 NSW crews (from as far away as Gosford) enjoyed the sailing. And we know they didn't go hungry, because Peter Taylor and his helpers cooked more than 140 meals on Saturday evening, then backed up next morning to handle the breakfast session.

Sailors thank the organisers, rescue boat drivers, the Southern Cross Club and everyone who helped make the weekend a memorable event. Special thanks to our major sponsors, James Court Apartments, for donating first prize - a weekend for two at their Civic complex.

Incidentally, the name of the association is now TYA of NSW and the ACT; the addition reflects the dominance of Canberra boats in the competition.

This was the fifth TYA regatta held in Canberra, and enjoyed probably the best conditions so far. It was also the first regatta sailed in Canberra with outboard motors.

Don't forget to send in your entries soon for the ACT Trailable Yacht Championships on January 23-24.

Simply Magic

The CYC held the ACT Magic 25 regatta on November 14-15. The event this year attracted competitors from QLD, NSW and the ACT, with a total of 13 entries. The weather was light and fluky, as Canberra weather can be, testing the skills and patience of both the competitors and the race officer. There ended up being four back to back races Saturday, a marathon Sunday morning and the final race was held in conjunction with the club race in the afternoon. Local entry, John Whitfield, Adam Scott and Sean Kirkjian showed a clean pair of heels, winning the regatta with a score card: 1,1,2,1,2,DNS.

All the competitors had a great time in the testing conditions, enjoying the venue and the club facilities and promised to be back next year. Our thanks go to this years sponsors, Canberra Southern Cross Club Yacht Club, Hyatt International, Racing Line and Copy Trends. We also wish to thank Paul and Carol Fitzwarryne for sending us around the courses. *John Whitfield*

Pointscore Trophy - Whitsunday Charter

Queensland Yacht Charters (QYC) are offering a five day Charter Holiday around the Whitsunday Islands as the trophy for this season's pointscore winner.

The Charter yacht is the Hunter 29.5 or equivalent - ideal for two couples or a family.

QYC operate from the very convenient Abel Point Marina at Airlie Beach and, based on recent personal experience, offer first class yachts and excellent service. They are happy to arrange airport transfers, provisioning and plenty of helpful advice.

The charter region for the Whitsundays has been extended along the coast to the north of the main group of islands and this offers great cruising away from the more crowded anchorages around Hayman and Hamilton Islands.

To contact QYC phone 1-800-075-013. Even if you don't win a free charter please contact this CYC sponsor if you are going to the Whitsundays.

International Qualifications

For the last two years, local sailor John Whitfield has been working towards gaining both the ISAF International Umpire and International Judge qualifications. He is now one step closer to achieving these goals. In the last three months he has travelled to New Zealand twice to attend the ISAF international seminars on both umpiring and judging and to sit the ISAF written exams for these two disciplines.

Having gained passes in these two exams and completed the formal courses required, John will now be eligible to apply for both International Umpire and International Judge next year, once he has satisfied the event criteria required by both the AYF and ISAF.

In addition to these international goals, this year, John attained the AYF National Judge and State Umpire qualifications.

New Coach is very busy.

Sean O'Regan has hit the ground running. The CYC's new director of coaching is now very involved with the club and the community and is enjoying his early impressions of Canberra.

In December Sean ran the first TL1 course for children for this season. And the next four courses, running in January, are expected to be fully booked. That means 75 school age children will have experienced sailing under the aegis of the CYC and the watchful eyes of Sean.

Now Sean is looking for motivated teenagers to train as TL1 instructors. "Ideally I'd like to take them onto a youth development squad to improve their racing skills," Sean says.

The CYC will be running adult sailing courses from February. These courses may be restructured to accommodate women who cannot go to evening sessions. "Many women are involved in domestic responsibilities and are unable to attend our regular courses so we are looking to see if we can set up a program to accommodate them. That way we hope to get more women involved," Sean says.

Sean helped to establish the women's crew which is now active in the CYC and planning to be take part in more races.

Sean will be available for coaching individual crews from February when arrangements have been made for suitable power boats. He will give sessions on crew work, racing and strategy.

As well as seeing Sean around the club, you can hear him on 2SSS-FM on Tuesdays at 11.30. He is doing a regular spot with Jim Paterson on the Under Way program. This is valuable publicity for the club and the sport of sailing.

Outboard Motors for Trailable Yachts

The exemption to the *Lakes Ordinance* that allows outboard motors to be used for auxiliary power on trailable yachts has now been enjoyed by many of the Club's yachts and is making life decidedly more civilised.

The facility to use motors was a big help to the yachts taking people out for the Kids for Cancer Day. It was also a factor in attracting a good number of visitors to Canberra for the TYA regatta. Numerous owners have already used the new convenience for picnics on the islands and already one yacht under power has assisted a boat in strife.

The sailing community owes a big debt of thanks to Ross Wilde-Brown, who carried the load over some four years of working with the authorities to achieve the exemption (and bore not a little opposition from some of his fellow sailors in the process).

A vote of appreciation was carried enthusiastically by the entrants to the recent TYA Regatta and your Committee has also written to Ross to thank him on members' behalf for his contribution to the quality of our sailing.

Membership of the Canberra Southern Cross Club

CYC members are reminded that that now is the time to renew their membership of the Canberra Southern Cross Club (CSCC).

All CYC members were given complimentary membership of the CSCC to December 1997 as part of the arrangements for association between the two Clubs.

CYC members have gained a great deal from the association, including:

- income to the CYC from storage of boats on what is now CSCC property (Some $28,000 last year),
- a Capital Purchase Program for the Sailing School ($175,000 over three years),
- access to the CSCC's membership base of some 70,000 people to market sailing,
- enhanced influence with government authorities,
- sealing of the carpark,
- improved external landscaping,
- letting fees from the Sailors' Cabin,
- new office accommodation,
- expanded boat storage facilities,
- access to the up-graded social facilities at the CSCYC upstairs,
- relief from having to manage a considerable infrastructure so that CYC officials can concentrate on providing services to sailing, and
- support to employ a top-flight Director for the Sailing School.

A further benefit is the potential rebate to the CYC for purchases by CYC members at any CSCC premises.

In return, there is a reasonable expectation by the Board of the CSCC that a good proportion of CYC members will also be members of the CSCC (at $10 single or $12 family per annum, its hardly onerous !).

In 1998, only about 20% of CYC members renewed their membership.

Your Committee strongly recommends that each CYC member renews their CSCC membership at this time.

This not only opens up the wider benefits of CSCC membership to CYC members, but also will strengthen the association between the two clubs that has potential to provide even greater benefits than we have enjoyed so far.

Boat Storage Policy and Procedures

The Club's policy on boat storage and the procedures to implement have been reviewed by your Committee to ensure fairness of allocation and efficient management of this valuable amenity.

A copy of the new policy and procedures is in the Club's Policy and Procedures Manual on the bookshelf in the Sailors' Cabin for the information of all members.

A new Sub-Committee to manage boat storage has been appointed. It will be Chaired by Steve Langlands and includes Adam Bartlett, Peter Dalton and Hamish Lindsay. It will report, for the moment, to the Vice Commodore. Steve would welcome other volunteers, especially from the dinghy classes (phone him on 6288 0110).

The Sub-Committee has three main tasks immediately before it :

- reassess external boat parking arrangements to get more boats off the waiting list, group boats of the same class together and cluster the larger trailable yachts together on the eastern side of the boat part where it is easier to manoeuvre trailers;
- plan the layout of racks for the extended under-cover storage to be made available by the Landscaping and development of the eastern surrounds of the building and;
- support the CSCC in its application for an extension to the external boat park.

Consultation with people who will be affected by these changes will start in the New Year.

Committee Movements and Thanks

Julie Barnes has confirmed her resignation as Director, Member Services in order to concentrate her efforts on an exciting new job, as well as making sure she has time for sailing herself. Our thanks to Julie for a lot of work in renewing boat storage at the beginning of the season and ensuring a very high rate of payment of storage fees, as well as running the first of the after-championship BBQs.

Your Committee would like to hear from anyone who would like be co-opted to the Committee to take on the Member Services position or to receive advice of anyone you think might be approached to take on this task. Please talk to Neil Primrose (phone 6295 9154).

Carol Wilde-Brown has decided to step back from formal membership of the Committee, but will continue on the Corporate Services Task Group with the same role she has had as Treasurer. This will free her from the chore of attending Committee meetings, which will be covered by Ian Smith, and hopefully allow her time to get out with Ross on *Scooter*, which she has missed.

Our thanks to Carol for her careful stewardship of the Club's monies, especially during the uncertainties of last year when the Committee was having to settle order out of the loose ends of the new relationship with the Southern Cross Club. The base that Carol laid in that period has set the Committee up this year to plan and invest in the implementation of the Club's very challenging Strategy and Business Plan. She has a very gracious and practical style of keeping money management in good balance. The Club is greatly in her debt and we look forward to her continuing that role from within the Task Group.

Comment on the Role of the Yachting Association of the ACT

The AGM of the YA ACT decided to conduct a thorough review of the role that the YA should play in support of sailing in the ACT. A public comment phase is the first step. The review will be reported to a Special General Meeting next April.

Two discussion papers have been produced - one by Don McMichael and one by the Canberra Yacht Club (the latter was circulated to members in October).

Copies of both are on the bookshelf in the Sailor's Cabin. Comments should be lodged with the Secretary, YA of the ACT by 29 January 1999. These may be left at the CYC Office.

Canberra Yacht Club Website

We are establishing a Website: www.act-sailing.asn.au. Within the next week or so details of the CYC program, club contacts, training information etc will be available on the web with a link to the Southern Cross Club site.

America's Cup Sweatshirt

Helen MacGregor has phoned the Club wanting to offer our members first option on an Autographed copy of the 1983 America's Cup team sweatshirt. Its valued at over $3,000. Her grandfather, Norman McGregor used to drive the rescue boat for the Club. Helen can be contacted on 6297 5275.

A Plea for Office Help

It's pretty busy in the office for the next few months. If you would be interested in coming down to help with things like photocopying, phone inquiries, banking and odd errands you would be in my eternal gratitude. Somewhere between 11am and 2pm on a Wednesday, Thursday or Friday is the time you would be needed. *Jo*

Can You Help?

Sean is flat chat running courses and needs some help for an hour on the first day of each Children's Course through the Summer. It would mean fronting up from 8.30am till 9.30am on Mondays and taking money and doing receipts.

The dates are January 4, 11, 18, 25 and April 6 and 12. Please give us a call if you can do this ASAP. *Megathanks!!!*

. . . . and a thank you to Cynthia Bartlett who is already doing this for the beginnings of all the Adult Courses . . .

Thanks to our Printer

Our thanks to Derek who prints the newsletter free for the Club. His office is at Scullin Shops. Ph 6254 1226

Office Closed

The Office will be closed on Wed the 30th and Thursday 31st December. Have a good holiday everybody! *Jo Cresswell*

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Sailing School Courses are proving very popular

The CYC sailing school, run by Sean O'Regan, is a hive of activity. It is now clear the school is developing robustly, with numerous courses run through the summer, and more to come.

So far 99 adults and children have learned to sail at our club this summer. That's a lot of new entrants to the sport, and many will be looking for crewing positions. As well, 18 more people are currently on sailing courses, and at least 24 are expected to attend courses in the near future.

The other news from the sailing school is that a group of mothers who watched their children enjoy Sean's summer courses have signed up to learn to sail themselves. They thought they might also enjoy some time on the water. "They are very keen to learn about sailing so they can take up the sport as a family," Sean said.

The youth program is running on Friday evenings. There are 17 keen young people enrolled, who have completed a summer course and are now doing the learn to race program. Another group of eight older students are working towards competing in the Australian Schools Championships, to be held at Belmont at Easter.

But teaching people how to sail is just one strand of Sean's work. With his Sailing Master and Class Coach qualifications he is able to take students through to become club coaches. He has one young person advancing towards assistant club coach, with others likely to join. Once they reach the standard of assistant coach, they can take an exam to earn a formal qualification as fully fledged club coaches.

The two rigid inflatable boats, or "rubber ducky", bought recently with the help of the Southern Cross Club capital purchase program, are a big help for Sean. "They have made my job a lot easier, they've given me more freedom to move around and observe, without having to dodge around flagmasts," he said.

"Being low to the water is a great help, I can come alongside the kids and they don't feel intimidated by my boat. They are good rescue craft too. You can bring two children on board very quickly, get them into shore and make sure they are looked after, then you can go and pick up their boat later."

The boats were almost new when bought by the CYC; they were used for only one week at the 99 Worlds in Victoria. Trevor and Rebecca Hippisley, Brent Freestone and Leigh Neilsen took a Melways and headed off to Melbourne, generously giving their time to retrieve the boats.

The club's three Corsairs have been upgraded with new sails, thanks to the Southern Cross Club's capital purchase program. Two sets were made by Canberra sail maker Andre Webster.

CYC LASER SAILOR GOES TROPPO WITH SUNSAIL

As the eventual, lucky winner of the 1997-98 season pointscore prize, a seven night bareboat yacht charter in the Whitsunday Islands courtesy of SUNSAIL, I thought I would put pen to paper and tell how the prize was spent.

Like most sailors I guess, I have always dreamed of taking a bareboat charter in the Whitsundays, but never thought I would be so lucky to be doing so as a result of SUNSAIL's generous sponsorship of the pointscore race series at the CYC.

And so, arrangements were hastily made with SUNSAIL, and we took our window of opportunity at the end of October 98 to try out our dream. With wife Mandy, the kids Kirsty (8), Hannah (4) and brother-in-law Kevin as crew, we packed our bags with sun cream, hats, t-shirts and shorts and headed north to Hamilton Island, tropical skies and clear blue water. It had to be different to the murky brown of Lake Burley Griffin !

Saturday Oct 24

After a very early start to catch the flight from Canberra, we set foot on Hamilton Island mid-morning, where we were greeted by the very tanned and very friendly staff from SUNSAIL at Hamilton Island Marina. Here we given a thorough, but often humorous, briefing by "Brownie", one of the experienced SUNSAIL staff, which covered all aspects of navigating around the Whitsunday Islands and making sure you have a good time. We were glad to have studied our SUNSAIL introductory pack prior to setting off (particularly the "bible" of the Whitsundays, "100 Magic Miles" by David Colfelt), as a basic understanding of the geography and navigation hazards around the islands means more time can be spent discussing interesting anchorages, bushwalks, good snorkelling and dive spots, as well as hearing some good stories about what not to do.

The routine of checking in for the morning and afternoon radio skeds was explained, as these would provide our weather forecasts and plenty of information and options for both passages and anchorages, as well as allowing SUNSAIL to monitor our progress. We emerged from the briefing with a basic itinerary for the week, which if nothing else, provided a basis for changing our minds as mood and weather dictated, safe in the knowledge that at any time, professional advice was only a radio call away.

Then we were introduced to our home for next seven days, a Lexcen 42 called "Kalani II", a well travelled and proven member of the SUNSAIL Whitsunday fleet, and as we were to discover, well known throughout the islands. After another thorough briefing on all the operating and safety features on the boat, we settled down to enjoy a drink in the cockpit and relax in the realisation that a dream was actually coming true !

Top Prize for Frequent Sailors

The more you sail the greater your chance of winning a Whitsunday's holiday.

This season's pointscore prize is a five night charter of a Catalina 34 for four people from Queensland Yacht Charters at Abel Point Marina, Airlie Beach in the Whitsunday group.

The prize will be drawn at the presentation dinner at the end of the season. To be eligible you must be a CYC member who has competed in at least 10 races for the season. For 10 races you get 10 tickets in the draw, 11 races receives 11 tickets and so on.

So get out on the Lake and win your family a great holiday!

Sunday Oct 25

Early on Sunday morning we set off to begin our adventures amongst the islands. The flat morning calm allowed us to take Kalani out under motor and become familiar with her controls and how she handled, we even put the sails up and practiced putting in a reef so we were prepared come the day. After all that activity, it was time for lunch and a first chance to explore the contents of the fridge.

Being our first time in the Whitsundays, we had opted for SUNSAIL to provision the boat, and the sight of the fridges crammed with delights such as Moreton Bay bugs, barramundi fillets, fresh fruit and vegies, together with good wines and a few beers made us wonder if we would spend more time eating than sailing!

After lunch, a north-easterly breeze gradually filled in, and so we weighed anchor, set the sails and set off into the increasing breeze for Nara Inlet at the southern end of Hook Island, our intended overnight anchorage. Kalani proved a delight under sail, her generous beam and freeboard providing a stable and dry ride, good for the kids. We had chosen Nara Inlet as it is a large, beautiful and well protected anchorage, central to the island group, and seemed an ideal spot for our first night.

For all these good reasons Nara Inlet is a popular and safe choice, but in spite of its popularity, there was plenty of room. As we made our way up to the head of the inlet, close to where we intended to go ashore the next morning, we picked our way between a number of beautifully restored 12 metre yachts and gracefully retired ocean racing yachts that now earn their living as charter yachts. That night we christened the cockpit BBQ and drank good wine to the sounds of the surrounding rainforest concert.

Monday Oct 26

Even though we were in a safe anchorage, there is something satisfying about waking up at anchor and finding you are still in the same spot that you were the night before! After exploring the shoreline of the inlet in the dinghy, we put ashore and set off to visit a nearby waterfall and Aboriginal significant site, both of which were an easy walk on marked trails. The walk back provided one of those rare "picture postcard" opportunities, with yachts lying at anchor in pristine blue water so clear that a number of manta rays could be seen "flying" around.

With much of the morning spent ashore and light winds prevailing, we chose to leave Nara Inlet and motor up to Stonehaven Bay at the north west tip of Hook Island for a lunchtime anchorage, as it offered good snorkelling and small, isolated beaches. Arriving at the bay, we picked up one of the mooring buoys now available (to restrict the damage to reefs caused by anchoring) and settled down to a spot of snorkelling and a leisurely lunch, with just a small dive launch for company.

By mid-afternoon, a good northerly breeze had piped in, so we set sail to enjoy a fresh downwind run back to Nara Inlet for the night. Kalani revelled in the sea that quickly built up, and after some exciting downwind action and a couple of gybes we quickly found ourselves back at Nara Inlet, where we decided to head for Refuge Bay, a small anchorage close to the entrance. That night we entertained ourselves by making dazzling patterns with the abundant phosphorescence in the water, which also attracted scores of small fish. Had we known at the time that Refuge Bay is a breeding ground for hammerhead sharks, there may have been fewer toes in the water sparking up the phosphorescence !

Tuesday Oct 27
After listening to the morning radio skeds it seemed that every other charter yacht was headed for Whitehaven Beach, despite a forecast of south-easterly thunderstorms later in the day. This seemed an ideal opportunity for us to head in the opposite direction, to Butterfly Bay at the north end of Hook Island, which would provide a safe overnight anchorage should the south-easterlies develop, but would also be comfortable enough in the prevailing light north-easterly.

So, making an early start, we left Nara Inlet and transited Hook Passage between Whitsunday and Hook Islands under motor before turning north. The wind remained light, not enough to provide a challenging sail to Butterfly Bay as we had hoped, and so we took the opportunity to spend the rest of the morning at anchor in Saba Bay, in the shadow of the spectacular Hook Peak. Here we were really spoilt by having the anchorage to ourselves and enjoyed some wonderful snorkelling with the tide about one metre above the reef, which sported an abundance of corals and fish of all colours.

That evening, moored in Butterfly Bay, the light north-easterly swell produced a bit of "rock and roll", resulting in a few expletives from the galley as several baked potatoes went AWOL from the oven when, in accordance with Murphy's Law of the Sea, the door was opened in perfect time with the "seventh" (traditionally the biggest) wave !

However, we were consoled somewhat when listening to the evening radio skeds, there were some exciting accounts of the thunderstorms at Whitehaven Beach.

Wednesday Oct 28
Today we awoke to a perfect forecast for us to make our dash to Hill Inlet and Whitehaven Beach. No wind to speak of forecast during the day, with strong south-easterlies due to fill in overnight which would allow us to anchor overnight in Tongue Bay, just to the north of Hill Inlet.

We left Butterfly bay and motored south past Border Island in flat seas and glorious sunshine, until the white sand of Whitehaven Beach greeted us with its dazzling beauty. We chose to anchor at the northern end of the beach, close to Hill Inlet, as the southern anchorage can get quite crowded. It was the perfect day to take those photographs that every yachtie cruising in these waters must dream of, the boat moored just offshore in sparkling clear blue water, framed by blue skies and a white sand beach – real "Robinson Crusoe" stuff !

Having spent most of the day at the beach, the move to our overnight anchorage was an easy affair, just a very short trip round to Tounge Bay. This proved to be a popular choice with many other yachts in anticipation of the forecast south-easterlies, with a large SUNSAIL contingent there for the night.

Thursday Oct 29
We woke up this morning feeling a little guilty after a couple of days spent mainly under motor and not putting the sails up, so we were all itching for a good sail to work off a few of those BBQ lunches and dinners. The gods were with us, and the forecast south-easterly had kicked in at about 20 knots. We left Tongue Bay and initially headed south under motor to charge the batteries and run the fridges, can't let the beer get warm !

After transiting the Solway Passage, we hoisted sail and enjoyed an exhilarating sail as Kalani picked up her skirts on a broad reach across the southern shores of Whitsunday, Hamilton, Dent, Pine and Long Island, with Lindeman Island providing a spectacular back drop to the south in the alternating rain squalls and bright sunshine. As we revelled in the conditions, we all kept a keen eye out for "Surprise Rock", which as it's name suggests, has probably caught a few unaware in the past. We had a different theory though, as a lone turtle surfaced in the whitecaps very close as we swept by at eight knots – I don't know who was more surprised to see who !

Though it tried hard, the rain could not dampen our expectations as we approached our next anchorage, the peaceful haven of Palm Bay Hideaway on Long Island. We waited outside at Palm Bay for the "pilot" to guide us in through the narrow channel in the reef through to the lagoon, where in true "desert island" style, boats are moored stern to with the aft mooring line taken ashore and made fast to a coconut palm.

A lazy afternoon was spent ashore enjoying the swimming pool, the bar at the "Palm Bay Cruising Yacht Club" and hot showers. That evening, still swaying from our morning sail (or was it the happy hour cocktails from the bar?), we settled down to Palm Bay's renowned seafood smorgasbord, washed down with some good wine, and lively conversation with fellow sailors.

Friday Oct 30
The next morning found us exploring Long Island's network of bushwalks, with views across the Whitsunday Passage, and indulging in a bit of souvenir driftwood hunting along the eastern shoreline.

Later that morning, we bid farewell to the relaxed ambience of Palm Bay Hideaway and set off for our final lunchtime anchorage, Sandy Bay at the south-western tip of South Molle Island. This was another lovely spot for snorkelling and the mainland and Shute Harbour provided a marvellous backdrop to Kalani at anchor as we put ashore in the dinghy and explored the coral beach.

This was our last chance to get another good sail under our belts before heading back to Hamilton Island, and our hopes were answered when another good south-easterly filled in again after lunch. With sails hoisted, we set a cracking pace up the west coast of South Molle Island, towards Daydream Island, before heading east and sailing through Unsafe Passage (just to scare the kids !) between Mid and North Molle Islands. We then enjoyed a fast shy reach across the Whitsunday Passage and onto our final overnight anchorage at Sawmill Beach in Cid Harbour.

Saturday Oct 31
Saturday morning was a leisurely affair, with a hearty breakfast in the early morning shadow of Whitsunday Peak, before a short passage under motor back to Hamilton Island Marina, where the SUNSAIL team even berth the boat stern to for you (potentially saving a lot of red faces !), before providing a thorough debrief.

Well that was it, all over and a real dream come true. We had all thoroughly enjoyed our week and experiences in the Whitsundays. The sailing had been wonderful, the boat well equipped, and the geography of the Islands allowed us to make the charter as leisurely or as challenging as we chose.

SUNSAIL operate in a very professional manner, ensuring your safety through competent advice and well prepared boats, and though it may seem a bit daunting during the initial briefing, their staff make a big effort to remind you to enjoy yourself and have fun !

And finally, there is an added bonus to us Laser sailors on this type of holiday - you get a crew to shout at !!



Two Sunsail boats cruising in the Whitsundays

CCYA Trailable Yacht Championships

There was a good turn-out of local and interstate boats for the weekend's sailing, held in light conditions under overcast skies.

Winners on scratch were: Div 1: Trilobite, P. Withington, Div 2: Gomez, P. Scrivenor, Div 3: Dodgem, D. Shortridge; Handicap winners: Div 1: Tekoa, R. Amos, Div 2: Warringa, R. Bain, Div 3: Elasari, A. Scott.

At the time of printing, the trailer sailers were due to go to Googong Dam on February 20, and are planning weekend cruises to the Pittwater and Bateman's Bay over the next two months.

International Sailing Summit: Facing up to the declining interest in racing

The International Sailing Summit, held in Geelong by the Boating Industry Association of Victoria immediately following the 1999 World Sailing Championships on Port Phillip Bay, was designed to address the worldwide decline in sailing participation.

Speakers at the summit included top administrators, multi-Gold Medal winners, successful international business people, designers and promoters. The summit was opened by the Premier of Victoria, Jeff Kennett, and was attended by over a hundred delegates from state and territory Yachting Associations, club officials, sailing school directors, boating industry representatives, yachting journalists and top competitors.

Neil Primrose attended for the Canberra Yacht Club. This was made possible by support from the Canberra Southern Cross Club, the Canberra Yacht Club and Primrose Solutions. His report is summarised below.

Overview

The summit confirmed that the direction of the CYC's Strategy and Business Plan is the right way to go to survive the changes taking place in the sailing world and to grow the sport of sailing in Canberra.

The summit was billed to address a supposed world-wide decline in sailing participation. However, evidence of a steady growth in boat sales and an increase in chartering of sailing boats, including off the beach, led delegates to recognise that what is declining is, in fact, structured competition. Recreational sailing, on the other hand, is on the increase as lifestyles change and the way people take their leisure reflects that change.
Club membership across Australia is in decline, according to the annual census information provided to the Australian Yachting Federation. Those clubs that are going against the trend appear to be mainly larger clubs that provide mariner facilities to yacht owners. In this, they compete with the commercial mariners, which in turn are extending their range of support and social services to match those of the clubs.

There are still sailors who will spend significantly on competing at various levels of excellence, but the growth of spending now appears to be swinging to recreation.

"Pay as you use" is replacing the traditional commitment to owning a boat and having to look after it. In a reversal of longstanding balances in personal circumstances, time is now the scarce commodity for families, but they have more disposable income than ever before to pay for services, including their leisure. Shortage of time in families with both parents working means parents are combining their own leisure with quality family time. They are looking for "soft adventure" that serves both purposes.

This has a major implication for yacht clubs and the kind of services they provide.

Clubs need to widen their appeal to adults for the pursuit of their recreation – especially to women.

Get women into sailing and the men and the families will follow.

Some new entrants may be attracted to racing, but this is no longer the prime objective.

Well run sailing schools with professional staff are doing well and are offering a diverse range of discovery services.

The growth of Sailability is an example of the new wave of sailing – common use boats that are simple and easy to sail and are not daunting.

Adult beginners, especially women, find small keel boats less daunting and uncomfortable than centreboarders. An "excitement" style of boat is also needed in a sailing school's suite of centreboard boats, although these require a high rate of maintenance. Both types of boat need to be available in a sailing school to cover the range of tastes.

The prime means of attracting people to sailing is still to capture peoples' interest when they are young. In the present circumstances this needs to be done with :

- inclusion of sailing in the secondary school curriculum
- holiday programs
- a stepped structure of awards and achievements, including a skill-based competency accreditation
- opportunity for part-time employment.

Clubs need to accept the mobility of young peoples' interests as a fact of life. They also need to accept that fewer members are prepared to take more than a small commitment to the running of a club. This has serious implications for the traditional approach of most clubs that depend on management of their affairs by a small voluntary executive.

Once a club has sorted out the range of services it wishes to offer, has acquired the equipment to provide those services and the management structure to run them at a high level of quality, it must promote hard.

Structured competition will still be the prime means of publicising the sport. It will be the attention grabber for the media and will draw corporate sponsorship.

Structured competition will continue to provide the ultimate challenge and should be supported for its role in the community as one avenue for the pursuit of excellence.

There is a valid role for government in supporting sailing for the good of the community, including in the provision of :

- facilities
- sponsorship of events
- educational opportunities
- public profile
- economic opportunities.

The shift to recreational sailing has a major implication for the AYF and the Member Yachting Associations whose role is govern and promote structured competition. They have no role in recreational sailing, which is neither codified nor organised. Safety regulation is primarily the job of governments.

An increasing number of clubs are disaggregating the AYF's charge from the club membership subscription in their annual bill to members. As more people choose to sail recreationally, increasing resistance is emerging to an AYF charge being automatically added to their club membership subscription.

Fun ! Fun ! Fun ! has to be the orientation of any sailing organisation that wishes to attract members to use its services.

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Surviving the 1998 Sydney to Hobart Yacht Race
A Public Lecture

Maxi yacht Brindabella crossed the line in Hobart in second place last year – but many of the yachts behind her never made it to Hobart.

Canberra Brindabella crew members Erik Adriaanse and Stephen Byron will describe the race, and present dramatic video footage of the appalling conditions in Bass Strait last year, in a special public lecture on Thursday, March 11.

The lecture will begin at 7.30pm in the Top of the Town function room at Canberra's Southern Cross Club, Woden. Erik and Stephen will be joined by Canberra meteorologist Mike Griffin and participants in the enormous sea rescue operation which marked the calamitous 1998 Sydney to Hobart.

Tickets for the lecture will cost $10.00 per person, or $5.00 for children. No bookings are necessary. All of the proceeds from the evening will benefit the Paralympic sailing campaign by Canberra's disabled yachtsman, Peter Thompson.

Sailing Photos

Do you have any good action photos of sailing on Lake Burley Griffin that the Club could use for publicity? Please pass them to Rob Bain, give Jo a call in the office on 6273 7177 or drop them down for us to look at.

Do You Know This Boat?

The Club is looking for the owner of a Hobie 16 called Sweet 16. This boat has been abandoned at the Club for some time and our records aren't forthcoming about the owner. Please give Jo a call on 6273 7177 if you can shed any light on the subject.

Old Newsletters

We've been doing some clearing up and after archiving a complete set of CYC newsletters since the Club's inception, find ourselves with a number of spares. If you would like a back copies of newsletters, come and help yourself to the archive box at the base of the bookshelves in the Sailors Bar, but do it in the next two months or we'll give them the flick.

Sunsail twilight series 1998-99

The Presentation night for the Twilight series is to be held on Mar 17 so now is the time to get the crew together and book a table, see Trevor or Rebecca for table bookings. The major prize of the Sunsail charter on Lovely Pittwater will be drawn on the night. Ten races qualify for entry into the draw, the more you sail the more chances of winning the Sunsail prize.

Help Wanted

Corporate Services provide the basic financial and organisational infrastructure to support CYC committee and club activities. They are seeking assistance with various tasks. Experience not essential. Contact Ian Smith w 6247 6200 or h 6282 0090.

Hiring the Sailor's Bar

The CYC is now handling all bookings for the Sailor's Bar. If you're a member and would like to hire this area for a meeting or party, give Jo a call at the Club. The rates are as follows:

CYC use e.g. committee meetings, user groups, youth squad etc	Free
Other Sailing related meetings	$14/hr
Non-sailing meetings	$17/hr
Functions	$17/hr plus a $40 cleaning fee

Want to know more about your club and its program?

Click on www.act-sailing.asn.au

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Canberra Yacht Club

SailingNews

March 1999

FUN IN THE **WHITSUNDAYS**

With the summer sailing season drawing to a close, we will soon know the lucky winner of a five night charter in the Whitsundays.

In the last newsletter, we read about the terrific time Nick Whyatt and his friends had on a charter in the Whitsundays, the prize for last season. Unfortunately Nick's name dropped out during editing, so apologies to Nick.

The sponsors of this season's pointscore prize is Queensland Yacht Charters which has been operating for 14 years in this beautiful group of uniquely Australian tropical islands. If you've already been to the Whitsundays you will know the brilliant blue and turquoise waters are just as magnificent as James Cook found them in 1770.

All you need to really experience the full magic of the Whitsundays is a sense of adventure, a love of nature and the desire to drop out of the rat race for a week or two. Seasons tend to be dictated by school holidays rather than weather, so some of the best sailing can be found in the off-peak periods. Winters are said by many to be the perfect climate - warm by day and cool by night.

Yachties who hire a "bareboat" from Queensland Yacht Charters can select the standard or gourmet provisioning package, or choose partial provisioning for the flexibility to eat at island resorts or for that delicious fresh fish you may catch!

You could find yourself skippering a Hunter 29.5, a Catalina 34, or Beneteau 430.

Of course there is the ultimate alternative - the crewed yacht. If you really want to be pampered, book onto a QYC fully crewed big boat charter where all you have to do is sit back and relax. This is floating luxury - gourmet meals, the finest wines and a crew to take care of you.

Our prize winner will be very popular with the three friends or relatives he or she takes to the Whitsundays. They will be sailing and relaxing on a Catalina 34, which has a deck shower as well as a bathroom,

The Canberra Yacht Club is very pleased to have Queensland Yacht Charters as the sponsor for this season's point score series. If you have competed in at least 10 races for the season, you are eligible for this prize. The draw will be made at the presentation dinner on June 6.

Someone has to win, so good luck to all CYC members.

Like the New CYC Logo?

If you would like the ***logo embroidered*** on polo shirts, jackets, caps, etc it is all set up and ready to go at ACT Monogrammers and Embroiderers. Phone Geoff 6281 0204. We will have samples at the Club in the next week or so.

Also a ***screen printing service*** has been organised so that shirts with club logo can be printed for club events. Contact Peter Manley, 135 Ratcliffe Cres, Florey 6258 9867.

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Our Club Name Returns

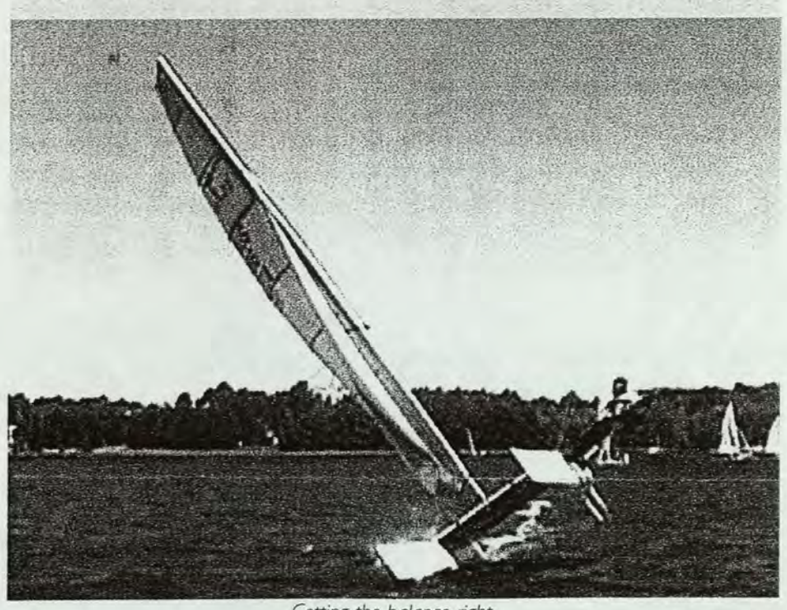
Commodore Robert Redfern was able to report to the February meeting of the club's executive about negotiations and developments relating to the return of our name "Canberra Yacht Club".

Commodore Redfern said some members may recall that as a result of the sale of the Canberra Yacht Club business in 1997 to the Canberra Southern Cross Club, the business name "Canberra Yacht Club" was no longer ours and we reinvented ourselves under the name of ACT Sailing Inc. Notwithstanding this development, an informal understanding allowed the club to continue to "trade" as the Canberra Yacht Club.

"ACT Sailing and the Canberra Southern Cross have now put in place a formal deed for the use of the business name Canberra Yacht Club," Robert said.

The deed will have a term of five years with options to renew. "The execution of the deed was a vote of confidence by the Canberra Southern Cross Club management in our professionalism and our future as an important part of the CSCC's network of elite sporting facilities."

Robert said that a copy of the deed would be placed with the club's records and could be read by any interested member. "This development should finally lay to rest lingering doubts about the events in 1997. Our sailing club under the name of "Canberra Yacht Club' not only has a wonderful history but can be confident of having a great future."



Getting the balance right

Users Group & CYC Executive

Due to the first Monday in April being a public holiday, the Sailing Users Group will meet on April 12 at 6pm in the Sailors Bar and the CYC Executive will meet on Monday April 19.

Twilight Presentation Dinner

Following discussions with the Southern Cross Yacht Club Manager, Jim Rice, he has indicated that their quality control procedures let them down on the night. In acknowledgement of these problems, he has invited all those guests who attended the function to see him and he will arrange for a ***meal voucher to the value of $15*** for use in the club restaurant.

Club Email

Yes, you can now email us with your articles, requests etc on:

Cyc@atrax.net.au

And don't forget about our web site:

www.act-sailing.asn.au

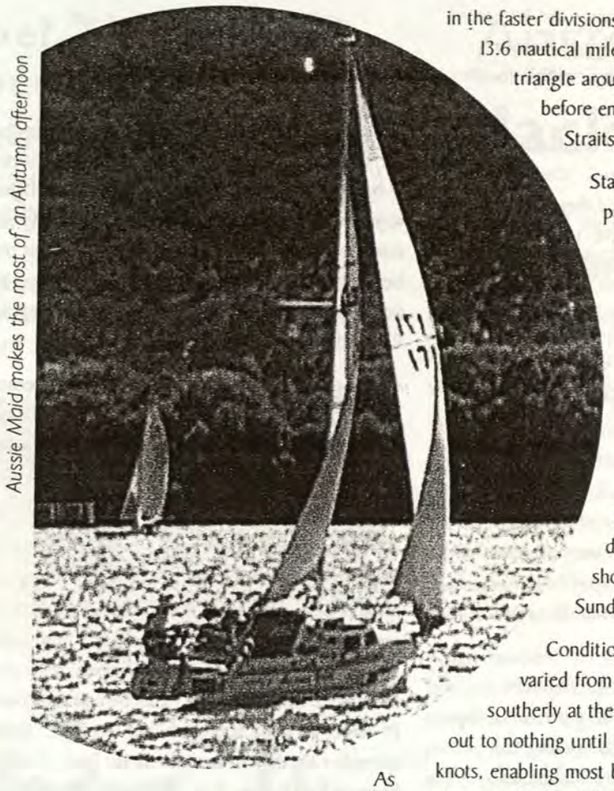
Interested in hosting an **international student?**

World Youth International is hosting a Danish exchange student, ***Andreas Arnvig,*** from July 1999 for 12 months. Andreas is an avid sailor who owns a Yngling in Denmark.

If anyone from the CYC is interested in volunteering as a host family for Andreas for six or 12 months, please contact Catherine & Mark Wallis (ph 6247 3498) or see Mark on Huntress.



Overnight Race 1999



Aussie Maid makes the most of an Autumn afternoon

Tom Ayrton

Over 170 boats converged on the Gippsland Lakes in early March for the annual Marlay Point overnight race. It was the 31st year this prestigious regatta has been run. Regarded by many as the Sydney to Hobart for trailable yachts, the event draws sailors from Queensland, NSW, South Australia and Victoria. The Canberra Yacht Club was very well represented with 14 boats.

As is now tradition, many crews from Canberra decided to travel down on the Thursday, launching their boats at Paynesville on Friday and then enjoying a leisurely sail to Marlay Point with on overnight stay at Loch Sport Marina. Weather permitting, the sail down to the start is a high point. On Friday the wind was on the nose, so most boats motored to Loch Sport, however Saturday was near perfect, not a cloud in the sky and a light northerly breeze.

"All crews found the race very tiring as they battled to maintain good boat speed in the variable conditions".

The event comprises two stages. Stage one is a night race starting at 7pm from the Lake Wellington Yacht Club at Marlay Point and finishing at the Gippsland Lakes Yacht Club at Paynesville. There are six divisions including one for multihulls and a cruising division. The straight line distance from start to finish is 28.7 nautical miles. Crews in the faster divisions have to cover an extra 13.6 nautical miles by first sailing a triangle around Lake Wellington before entering the McMillan Straits.

Stage two is another passage race of 12.6 nautical miles and kicks off at 1pm on the Sunday. This is usually enough time to allow most crews to get a few hours sleep while some boats go home early, only competing in stage one. The slower divisions again do a shortened course on Sunday.

Conditions for the night race varied from a 20-25 knot southerly at the start and then dying out to nothing until building again to 5 knots, enabling most boats to finish before dawn on Sunday. All crews found the race very tiring as they battled to maintain good boat speed in the variable conditions.

The Sunday race was sailed in a consistently strong south-easterly breeze providing spectacular sailing as hundreds of boats with spinnakers flying sailed within metres of spectators standing along the shores of the McMillan Straits at Paynesville.

In Division D for sports trailable yachts, Tom Ayrtons Elliott 7 Quik Stix outperformed some of the country's fastest sports trailable boats. To win their division. Crewed by Peter Hellwig, Adam Scott and skippered by Stuart Shimeld, they finished 2nd on handicap in the night race and 1st in

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the Sunday race. Neil Primrose and his crew on the Elliott Huntress sailing in their first Marlay Point recorded a very credible fourth overall.

Matt Owen's Elliott 5.9 Not Much Chop was first boat home in Division C. Crewed by Dan Keys and Andrew Reed they were placed 1st on corrected time in both races to win Division C convincingly. There were 45 entries in Division C.

In another big fleet of 52 entries, the Adams 21 Serenade skippered by Stuart Manley and crewed by Ross Dickson and Andrew Downing placed 2nd on corrected time in both stages to narrowly win Division B. The other Canberra Adams 21 Pathfinder skippered by Peter Taylor and Gomez skippered by Paul Scrivner were placed 6th and 7th respectively in the night race, thereby winning the Top Team Trophy for a class entry.

Based on last year's results, Pathfinder, Serenade and Quik Stix also represented the ACT and were successful in winning the Interstate Challenge Trophy. Provisional results indicate that the Adam Brinton Trophy for the most successful Club Team has also been won by Team Elliott from the CYC represented by Not Much Chop, Quik Stix and Huntress.

"All in all an excellent achievement, and indicative of the strength of sailing in Canberra."

In Division M for multihulls, the Canberra trimarans Sidefx Too skippered by Marty Kilpatrick, Reasonable Doubt skippered by Dieter Tietz and Flat Out skippered by Glen Pollard were 1st, 2nd, and 3rd across the line in the night race. Glen Withington on Trilobite crossed the line in 8th place but managed a 3rd on Handicap overall.

All in all an excellent achievement, and indicative of the strength of sailing in Canberra. If you would like to enter next years race or crew on a boat, contact any of the skippers who were in this years event and they would be happy to pass on the details.

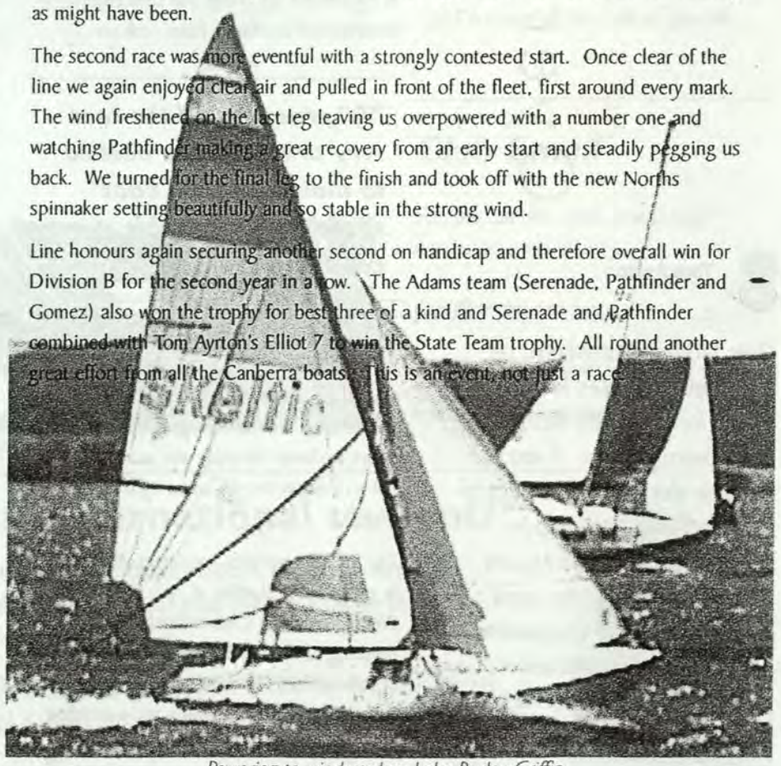
The advantage of Division B in the current race format is the opportunity for first use of the straits between Lake Wellington and Lake Victoria. We watched the Division C and D boats heading across the lake on a slightly tighter heading to their first mark as we manoeuvred for the start. The traffic was heavy near the committee boat so we headed down the line for clear air and a fast start. This resulted in us being mid-way on the line between two fleets, one at each end of the line. With clear air we powered towards the first mark the other side of the lake, converging there to round directly behind Pathfinder and the the green Flash 5.4.

At this point the wind went very light and it became a tricky exercise of using the wind generated by the current flow to best effect. Somehow we got ahead of the other two boats, could it be true that Pathfinder parked on the mud? Once into the straits proper we seemed to pull away from the boats behind. We have never seen the straits so dark, on our own and with no light from other boats.

By Hollands landing we could not see any boats behind and it turns out by later checking that we had pulled out a half hour lead over the next boat. Once clear of the pilons we set course for Storm Point in a breeze that came and went. By Storm Point we saw lights coming up fast astern and were amazed to watch the Thompson 8 go past in light air as though we were anchored. Back on our own we made steady progress towards Pt Turner with the lights behind sometimes getting closer then receding. After Pt Turner we got a strong whiff of the algae. Finally to Raymond Island we could set the spinnaker for the run in to the finish line. Second boat over the line and with line honours for Division B we pulled the boat out and cleaned up while watching a steadily increasing stream of boats approach the line. Finishing in a stronger breeze the boats behind had made up half of the gap we had established at Hollands. The breeze had also helped disperse the algae a little and retrieving the boat was not quite as daunting as might have been.

The second race was more eventful with a strongly contested start. Once clear of the line we again enjoyed clear air and pulled in front of the fleet, first around every mark. The wind freshened on the last leg leaving us overpowered with a number one and watching Pathfinder making a great recovery from an early start and steadily pegging us back. We turned for the final leg to the finish and took off with the new Norths spinnaker setting beautifully and so stable in the strong wind.

Line honours again securing another second on handicap and therefore overall win for Division B for the second year in a row. The Adams team (Serenade, Pathfinder and Gomez) also won the trophy for best three of a kind and Serenade and Pathfinder combined with Tom Ayrton's Elliot 7 to win the State Team trophy. All round another great effort from all the Canberra boats. This is an event, not just a race.



Powering to windward on Lake Burley Griffin

Stubbed your toe? Wounded your crew?

The Yacht Club has a super duper brand new first aid kit containing everything from Betadene to eye pads to wait for it! . . . . . Plastic bags for amputated parts.

Look for it in the Race Office. The Southern Cross Club also has a first aid kit upstairs. Qualified St John's First Aiders are our training director Sean O'Regan and the manager of the Southern Cross Club, Jim Rice.

If anyone else who has a current St John's qualification, could you let Jo know in the office. It would be helpful if we could publish a list of qualified people, so that you know whom to go screaming to when the unthinkable happens.



A downwind procession

When: Sunday 6th June at 12.30pm

Where: Canberra Yacht Club

Cost: $20 per head unless you pay by 28th May in which case you get the **early bird price of $15.**

There's a limit of 100 tickets

...and remember that nominations for the Perpetual Trophy need to go to Trevor Hippisley ASAP

Aristocrat **Jackpot**

Aristocrat Leisure Industries Pty Ltd have followed their sponsorship of the 1998 Winter Series with a similar offer of support for the 1999 Winter Series.

Aristocrat are very pleased to make available $1,500 for the seven race series to be distributed as appropriate.

Commodore Robert Redfern, announcing the new sponsorship said: "Aristocrat Leisure Industries' support of the 1998 Winter races was central to the most successful Winter program the Canberra Yacht Club has had for many years."

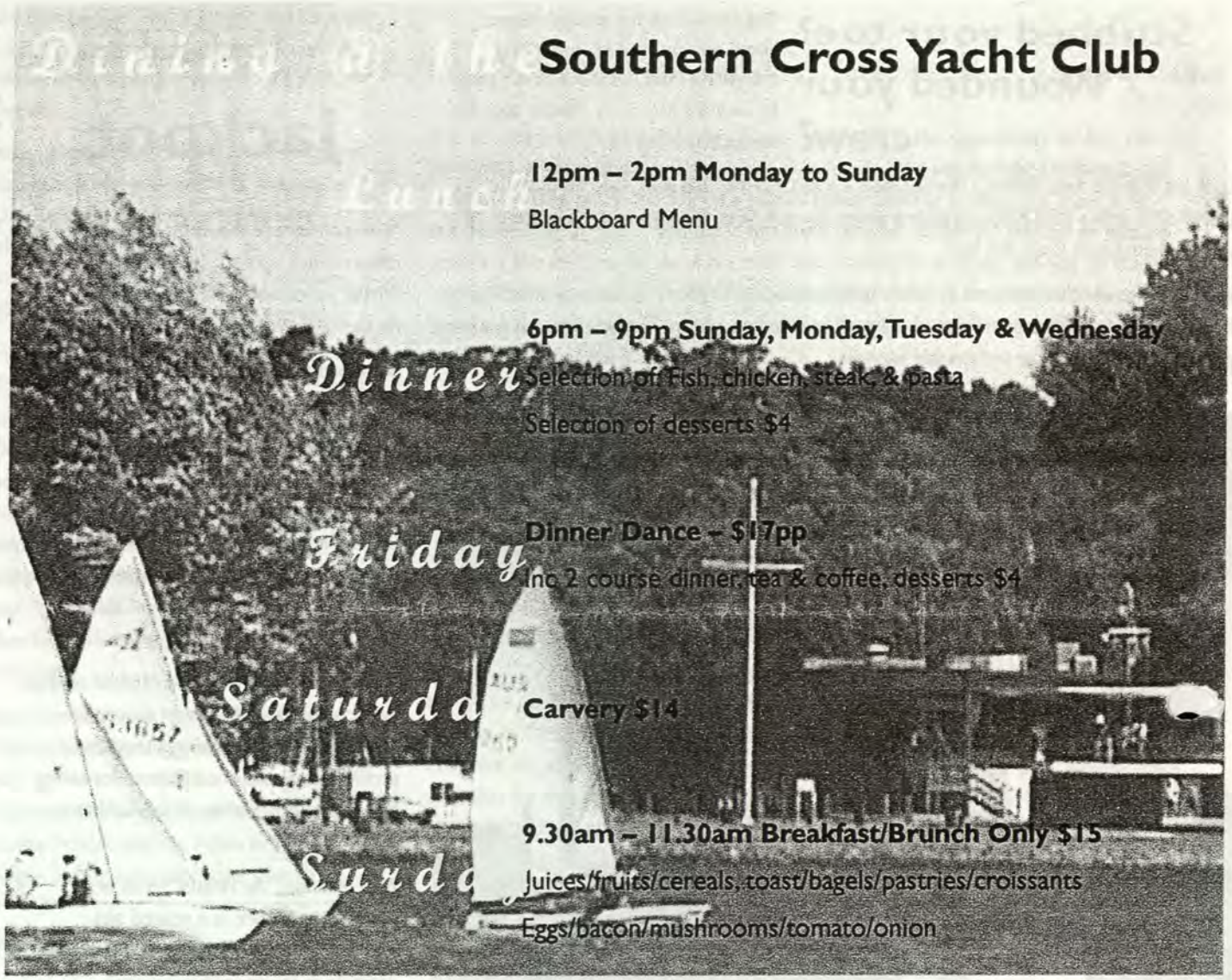
Robert indicated that this continued support from one of Australia's most successful companies, with a growing international profile, was a vote of confidence for sailing and in particular sailing at the Canberra Yacht Club.

As a reminder, the Winter Series is an opportunity to race in a relaxed and informal atmosphere. All sailors wishing to compete in the series are welcome.

"All sailors should keep a weather eye out for the Notice of Race which should be issued about a month before the first winter race" Commodore Redfern said.



Sailability boats



Southern Cross Yacht Club

12pm – 2pm Monday to Sunday
Blackboard Menu

6pm – 9pm Sunday, Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday
Dinner Selection of Fish, chicken, steak, & pasta
Selection of desserts $4

Friday **Dinner Dance – $17pp**
Inc 2 course dinner, tea & coffee, desserts $4

Saturda **Carvery $14**

9.30am – 11.30am Breakfast/Brunch Only $15
Surda Juices/fruits/cereals, toast/bagels/pastries/croissants
Eggs/bacon/mushrooms/tomato/onion

Winter Escape Cruise

For two people aboard P&O "Fair Princess" for 9 nights. Valued at $5,300.

Departs Sydney 4th June 1999

Enter by
- Playing poker machines
- Purchasing a meal
- Spending $5 at the Bar

Drawn Monday 3rd May 1999 at 6pm

If present at draw you will win $250 spending money. (Game rules apply)

THIS IS A SOUTHERN CROSS YACHT CLUB PROMOTION

*News*letter

The newsletter is keen to receive contributions especially sailing news from various classes.



The ***next deadline is 20 April.*** You can submit your article by email, in person, on disk, fax or by post. See contact details at the front of the newsletter or phone Jo on 6273 7177 during her office hours, 11am to 2.30pm Wednesday – Friday.

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Sailing News

April 1999

A GOOD START
FOR OUR YOUTH TEAM

Our sailing director Sean O'Regan took six young adults to the Australian Secondary Schools Championships, in the second week of the Easter holidays. They sailed three Lasers, an NS14 and a Moth in the competition, held at Belmont 16 foot Skiff Club.

The youth team was on a steep learning curve, as four had not raced before – but they had a ball and learnt a great deal during the week.

This was the scene: 760 children turned up with 240 boats, and the Canberra boats were mixing it up with 90 other boats on the start line! Imagine trying to find a spot for your boat on the beach with such a large fleet.

Our young sailors had light to moderate conditions with the wind getting up to 18 knots one day. The team was Damen Bird, 16, Joshua Bird, 14, Alice Goleby, 17, Ellen Russell, 17, Oliver Merz, 17 and Steven Bell 15. House parents were the Goleby family, Graham Bell, Sean and his partner Wendy Parish.

"Overall the results for the team were encouraging with their performance improving each day," Sean says. "It was hard to gauge their positions exactly with the large fleet but in the final leg of one race there were 27 Lasers astern of Ellen.

Sean says the competition introduced the team to regatta sailing by improving their technical and team building skills.

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Thanks to the Lake Tuggeranong Sea Scouts for the loan of the NS14 and a three-tiered trailer for the Lasers, the Goleby family for transporting the NS14 and Graham Bell for towing the Lasers.

Tasar Class Update

While Tasars aren't commonly seen in CYC's races, at least three members are currently active in the class.

Over Easter Martin Linsley and Rob Saunders sailed their Tasars in the NSW Championship at the Point Wolstoncroft Sport and Recreation Camp on Lake Macquarie. Forty-nine boats raced, including such well known sailors as Frank Bethwaite, Glen Collins, Phil Thompson and John Dransfield.

"Martin finished third with 18 points, and Rob finished 14th with 63 points. Both sailors are now looking forward to the Tasar National Championship, which is being held at the same location between Jan 8-14 2000."

The weather was poor, but there was sufficient breeze to complete the six race program. Glen and Vanessa Collins convincingly won the event, with a total pointscore of six. Martin finished third with 18 points, and Rob finished 14th with 63 points. Both sailors are now looking forward to the Tasar National Championship, which is being held at the same location between Jan 8-14 2000.

Martin Linsley will also be sailing a Tasar as a member of the Australian Defence Force team at the Arafura Games, in late May. These biennial Games, run by the NT government in Darwin, are advertised as involving over 2 500 competitors from 25 countries. Sailing has been incorporated as a sport for the first time this year.

As ADF representatives both Martin and Rob will join another CYC member, John Tracey, in racing at the Tasar World Championship being held on Lake Hamana-ko in Japan in late September. Their preparation will incorporate the NSW Tasar Winter Interclub series, and some of the CYC's Winter Series racing.

Should you wish to know more about Tasars, the 'champagne class', contact Martin on 6281 2817 or Linsley@dynamite.com.au.

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Membership Update

Bob Townsend has agreed to be the Director, Member Services. He has several tasks needing completion before the AGM. If anyone is able to offer assistance with any tasks, please contact Bob on 6247 8156 any time. Committees already are operating on some of the tasks.

1. Member Survey

Valerie Clifford is organising this so we hope everyone has completed and returned it already, so Valerie can process the data in time for the AGM.

2. Boat Storage

Steve Langlands is chairing this committee and action is under way.

3. 1999-2000

1990-2000 subscriptions and fees to be set and mailed out to members.

4. Social Activities

Carol Wilde-Brown is chairing the committee organising the Presentation Dinner but there may be opportunities for other social events during the Winter.

5. Membership

The Business Plan expects a doubling of club membership by the year 2001, so strategies for achieving this have to be put into operation.

The CYC Committee expects these tasks to be completed and ready for the AGM in July, so there is no time to waste.

This stylish boat is a Crabber 17

Mike Matthews tells why he likes it:



I bought this boat because I wanted a day sailer for sailing on the lake, with my small grandchildren doing most of the work. By chance, I saw an article about Cornish Crabbers in *Practical Boat Owner*. They specialise in traditional-style work boats adapted for modern conditions. I am not aware of any similar craft being built in Australia.

I ordered the boat in August 1997. It was shipped on its trailer in a 20ft container and delivered to my home in Canberra in December 1997. Apart from shipping costs of about $5000, I had to pay over 30% import duty, so the purchase was something of an indulgence. I am pretty sure there are not many others, if any, in Australia.

I sail it fairly frequently on the lake, and took it to Jervis Bay last year for a week. The gaff rig has plenty of sail area and gives the boat a good performance, particular down wind. It has internal ballast, a heavy centre board, and is very stable. Good for picnics under way. Its name is Mr Badger.

End of Year **Presentation Lunch for 1998/99**

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John Wilson had an outboard stolen from his Farr between 27-30 March. Being padlocked to the boat presented no problem to the thief. So beware ... and keep an eye out.

Notice of Race

Aristocrat 1999 Winter Series $1,500

1 *Introduction* All are invited to participate in the Aristocrat 1999 Winter Series (the Series) generously sponsored by Aristocrat Leisure Industries Pty Ltd and supported by the Canberra Southern Cross Club Yacht Club.

The Series will be conducted by the Canberra Yacht Club.

The Series philosophy is one of participation in both the racing and after racing activities in the Canberra Southern Cross Club Yacht Club.

Series results will have a participation component.

This Series is an opportunity to keep sailing skills honed, to improve sailing performance by those people new to the sport, and to enjoy the facilities of the Canberra Southern Cross Club Yacht Club and the companionship of sailing friends.

2 *Rules* The Series will be governed by the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing, the prescriptions and special regulations of the AYF, the rules of each class of boat which may enter the Series and by the sailing instructions.

3 *Advertising* The Series is classified as a Category B Event in accordance with Appendix G.

4 *Eligibility and Entry* The Series is open to trailable yachts, dinghy classes, and catamarans. Skippers will be required to enter each race by signing on with race administrators.

5 *Fees* For those Canberra Yacht Club members who have paid the full season entry fee, no further payment is required. Otherwise, each boat will be required to pay either a Series fee of $30, or a $7 fee per race.

6 *Schedule of Races* The Series will be conducted on the following dates:

Race 1 – 23 May

Race 2 – 6 June

Race 3 – 20 June

Race 4 – 4 July

Race 5 – 18 July

Race 6 – 1 August

Race 7 – 15 August

The Warning Signal shall be 12 noon.

7 *Sailing Instructions* will be available from the race administrators.

8 *Scoring* The low point scoring system will apply, modified so that each boat's series score will be the total of 7 races. Paragraph 2 of Rule A2-2 is deleted and replaced with rule A5 for scoring "When series is not a Regatta".

9 *Boat Ratings* Boat ratings for "off the beach" boats will be the VYC Yardstick. Boat ratings for yachts will be based on the TYA of New South Wales CBH system.

10 *Prizes* Aristocrat Leisure Industries Pty Ltd has allocated a prize pool of $1,500 which will be allocated on the basis of sailing performance and participation.

This prize pool will be distributed at the conclusion of the Series.

Other prizes may be distributed at the conclusion of each race.

Prizes to winners not present in the Canberra Southern Cross Club Yacht Club at the conclusion of each race will be distributed to the next best performed boat in the her Division.

11 *Racing Divisions* Racing will be conducted in three Divisions: a Dingy Division; a Catamaran Division; and a Trailable Yacht Division.

12 *Further Information* For further information, please contact Trevor Hippisley, telephone 6254 9102.

An Ocean Racing Club in Canberra?

If you clamber up the steps to the Canberra Southern Cross Yacht Club you will find, on the right-hand side of the door, a sign that announces that the premises are home to the Canberra Ocean Racing Club.

The what?

Yes, Canberra does have a Sydney to Hobart race history outside of *Brindabella*. The CORC has been operating for two decades and its yacht, the 12-metre sloop Portobello, has competed in four Sydney to Hobart races, as well as the occasional race to Noumea (where it once came an admirable second) and Lord Howe Island. The Whitsundays are also a favourite destination for *Portobello* crews.

Each time *Portobello* has entered the Sydney to Hobart race, it has improved it rating.

There's a cross—pollination here. Most members of the 20-person *Portobello* syndicate are members of the Canberra Yacht Club. Some are also members of the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia (the organisers of the Sydney to Hobart race, based at Rushcutters Bay in Sydney). All are enthusiastic about blue water sailing. George Snow was an original member. Virtually all the present members are Canberra based.

The crews take the sneers. At the Newport Arms hotel in the northern Sydney beaches, beneath which *Portobello* has been moored for years, the taunt frequently has been "Lake Burley Griffin sailors". But how many non-sailing Sydney drunks know about 55 knots in the middle of Bass Strait? How many of them know about the agony of cracked ribs, and the imperative of keeping going? The *Portobello* people do.

Portobello, sadly, has been sold. It was an oldie but a goldie. A 20 year old yacht designed originally by the Adams company for the Whitsundays charter market, it could have sailed around the world tomorrow. Alas, the concept was overtaken by the smarter and more hi-tech Benetaus and their ilk.

What now? Well, Canberra's *Portabello* syndicate decided to buy another boat. The entry level is about $7,500 (give or take). The favourite is a German-designed **Bavaria 38**, but this is by no means settled. The club's elder statesman, Mike Matthews, says that the *Bavaria 38* (which has three cabins accommodating six all up) has "no running backstays and the boom is well clear of anyone's head when standing in the cockpit". Not a bad start for short-handers.

More importantly, though, Mike and orignial syndicate member Teki Dalton are running courses to enable yachting enthusiasts to confidently sail Portobello's replacement into the wild blue yonder.

The Canberra Ocean Racing Club welcomes new members. The number of members is limited to about 20. Membership entails buying a share in the Club's yacht and sharing the running expenses. No previous offshore sailing experience is necessary.

Speaking personally, it's been great. My partner Bernice and I have learned heaps from the wisdom of Mike Matthews, Ulli Tuisk, Sam (Tony) Hughes and Ed Beckett and others. About sailing. About living. About everything.

CORC welcomes new members. Contact Mike Matthews (6280 7533) for more details or Teki Dalton (6273 4040) for Teki's Adventure Training School.

Brian Hill

TYA Nationals

Trailable Yacht Association

Five Canberra boats went to the Trailable Yacht Association national championships held over Easter at Lake Macquarie. It rained for the entire time but there was good wind for the six races.

In division A, Tom Ayrton's Elliot 7Quikstix came 10th, with Neil Primrose gaining 14th place in his Elliott 7 Huntress.

Matt Owen scored second in Division B in his Elliot 5.9 Not Much Chop, with Peter Taylor in Pathfinder and Shane Kershaw in Micro further down the placings.

The Canberra sailors said the standard of competition was very high, with close racing among the 50 boats which took part in the regatta.

Implementing the Business Plan

In the five months since the last report in the November Newsletter, the following outcomes have been achieved by your Committee toward implementing the Business Plan :

- Re-opening of the Sailing School in early December by the ACT Minister for Sport, Mr Bill Stephaniak, together with TV coverage
- School has operated intensively with full classes and reserves for most classes
- Board of Management has been established for the School
- Youth Development Scheme established
- Youth Championship Squad participated in the Combined High Schools Championship on Lake Macquarie Schools in early April
- Coverage of the Club's racing results in The Canberra Times
- New logo and signage for the CYC Office
- A women's squad competed in the TYA Regatta and in the Twilight Series
- School's boats hired to Club members
- Web site, e-mail and new letterhead brought on stream
- Review of Club policy and procedures for boat parking and financial arrangements
- Establishment of a Boat-Storage Sub Committee under the leadership of Steve Langlands
- Rearrangement of some of the external boat parking slots to reduce the waiting list
- Application submitted for extension of the external boat park
- Consultation with users about extension and rearrangement of under-cover boat storage
- Policy and procedures established for use of TYA CBH for trailable yachts
- Copy of the Policy and Procedures Manual placed in the Sailors' Cabin for the information of members
- Appointment of a Principal Race Officer for the Twilight Series
- Sponsorship gained for the Summer, Twilight and Winter Series.
- Two race management/rescue/coach boats purchased and brought into operation
- A third Corsair purchased and the three Corsairs refurbished
- Trolleys purchased for the Corsairs and Toppers
- Magic 25 and TYA Regattas successfully run
- Administration of "C" series sail numbers reviewed and implemented
- Formal legal transfer effected of the name "Canberra Yacht Club" to the Club – it's ours again !
- Continued input to the review of the YA of the ACT and the AYF's new membership scheme
- Regular, informal meeting established between the Commodore CYC and the Commodore YMCASC
- Consultation with the CSCC on future plans for the Lotus Bay site and briefing of the Sailing Users group
- Reality check on the directions of the Club's development by attendance at the International Sailing Summit in Geelong
- A questionnaire to all members to consult about requirements/views/comments
- Policy and procedures for the financial management of the Club's affairs reviewed and upgraded
- Arrangements made for clothing with the Club's new logo
- New Director, Member services appointed

This activity is in addition to the day-to-day running of the Club and its various activities.

You should shortly see :

- Start of the Winter Series
- Signage on the inflatables and the Sailing School boats
- Policy and procedures for use of the inflatables
- A draft program for next season
- Consultation on the choice of new boats for the School
- Arrangements made to research a proper structure and management system for the hiring of boats to facilitate recreational sailing
- Arrangements for the Presentation Lunch

People are still needed to assist in some of the Task Groups. Anyone who would like to help should see Robert Redfern or Neil Primrose.

Newsletter

The newsletter is keen to receive contributions especially sailing news from various classes.

The ***next deadline is 9 June.*** You can submit your article by email, in person, on disk, fax or by post. See contact details at the front of the newsletter or phone Jo on 6273 7177 during her office hours, 11am to 2.30pm Wednesday – Friday.

A Working Bee



A working bee will be held in the trailer boat park on **Sunday 2nd May from 1-5pm**. If available contact Steve Langlands on 6288 0110. He would also like to know if there is any member who has access to the manufacturing of flat metal disks.

Selection of new boats for the Sailing School

The Board of the Sailing School and the CYC Committee have established a process to research the types of boats that should be purchased under the remainder of the Capital Purchase Program money made available to the Club by the Canberra Southern Cross Club. This money spans the next two financial years.

A selection criteria has been established as the base upon which to proceed and a short list of boats to guide the research work has been approved. The short list is comprised of the following classes of boat :

- ***Pacer***
- ***Flying Ant***
- ***29er***
- ***Hobie 16 or later Hobie design***
- ***Gem 550***
- ***Elliott 6 (replacement being designed to replace the Elliott 9)***
- ***Elliott 7***

Consideration is being given to purchase of two dinghy types – a feeder class and a challenge class – with possible deferral of the purchase of a trailable yacht. In each case, the Committee will be consulting with members about the possibility of their purchasing into the classes of boat acquired by the Sailing School in order to achieve prefered class status under the Business Plan, including bulk discounts and a class starts.

All members are welcome to engage in the consultation process, which is being managed by Neil Primrose. Copies of the selection criteria are available from the Office. Members who would like to provide views or information should contact Neil on 6296 9154 (ph) or 6295 9156 (fax) by the end of April.

Canberra Yacht Club

Congratulations to the Division winners of the Championship Series:

The Champion of Champions was conducted on April 18. Nick Gellie represented Division 4 while Division 2 and 5 were not represented. Two races were conducted, one in the club's Toppers and the other in the member's boat. The winner of the America's Mug for season 1998/99 is Stuart Shimeld.

Thank you to Peter and Daphne Fullager, Terrie Ebrill and John Wilkinson as well as the sailors who topped off a great day sailing.

1A Geoff Gillett (Gem 550)

1B Chris Kenyon (Farr 6000)

2 Chris Ablett (LW Sharpie)

3 Stuart Shimeld (F15)

4 Martin Linsley (Laser)

5 Sue Youngmand (Seafly)

6 Daryl Riding (A Class)

CYCClub Clothing CYCClub Clothing CYC

We now have a range of clothing and caps embroidered with the new club logo. Jo is taking a bulk order to be placed on 20 May. You're welcome to pop down and look at the samples hanging on the wall of our office. Place your order on the form below or you can take your own garment to ACT Monogrammers & Embroiderers. They are located at 22 Abercorn Cres, Isabella Plains ACT 2905 Ph 6291 2949.

Your Order

The shirts come in the following sizes. Please tick the garment you would like and write in your size.

Kids: 6,8,10,12,14 Adults: S, M, L, XL, XXL

Garment		Kids	Adults
Short sleeved polo shirt	- white	$20.00	$22.00 Size:
Short sleeved polo shirt	- bottle green	$20.00	$22.00 Size:
Short sleeved polo shirt	- navy blue with light blue lining	-	$29.00 Size:
Cap	- green with black visor	$17.50 (One size)	



Postage is $3.00 per garment or you can drop down and pick it up.

Name: .....

Address: .....

Suburb: ..... Postcode: .....

Phone Home: ..... Phone Work: .....

Amount Enclosed: .....

Please notify me when my garment has arrived Y/N or I have included postage Y/N

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SAILING SCHOOL NEWS

The Sailing School is in recess until the end of September. There will be no classes or boat hire during this period.

The School will re-open in time for a full set of entry level junior classes during the school vacation. Entry level courses for adults and the full range of other services from the sailing school will commence in early October.

Sean is presently doing a small business management course as part of his professional development with the Club. The centrepiece of Sean's work on the course is preparation of a business plan for the Sailing School. This will set the School up for the following two years with a highly professional approach to its management. From the end of June to mid-September Sean will be working full time for the Canberra Southern Cross Club. The facility to transfer Sean to the Southern Cross Club's payroll during the training off-season is an example of the benefit the CYC derives from the relationship with the Southern Cross Club.

For the future, the Sailing School Board is examining the prospects for conducting a range of activities next winter that are appropriate to local conditions and that may justify keeping the School open all year round.

Sean and Wendy will be meeting regularly with those on the youth development program to continue their training and to introduce the CAPs scheme to the School.

Meanwhile, arrangements are being made for a group from the Club program to train at the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia Youth Sailing Academy in preparation for entering a CYC team in the Foxtel International Youth Club Regatta next November. Teki Dalton is arranging the training and the group will stay on Nadia IV while they are in Sydney. (See separate item on page 3).

Building on the experience gained with the Sailing School last season, and with the example of major sailing establishments in Melbourne and Sydney in mind, the Sailing School Board is working on plans for a Youth Sailing Academy within the CYC Sailing School. This will cater for those young people who want to stretch themselves in the top levels of competition. It will entail not only advanced coaching, but also undertaking the CAPs Program, gaining AYF instructor accreditation and working in the Sailing School.

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Results of **CYC MEMBERSHIP SURVEY** May 1999

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. Three quarters of the respondents were satisfied with feedback about what was happening at the club but a third wanted greater coverage of sailing and sailing club matters in the Sailing News.
2. Office hours were considered satisfactory.
3. The majority of respondents were satisfied with the pace the business plan was being carried out.
4. One third of respondents wanted the committee to take further action in the areas of improving race management and the social life of the club.
5. A third of respondents wished to see a social program for the club, especially in the form of after race barbeques at the Sailors' Cabin.
6. New facilities requested included a launching crane, a launching ramp by the club house and more jetty facilities.
7. Sixty percent of respondents participated in racing and 40% in recreational sailing.
8. Eighty percent of respondents comments were in favour of the duty class system for running races, with the caveat that it needs to be better organised and club members need to be trained in race management to be able to carry out these duties.
9. The majority of respondents accepted the level of race fees, dissenters generally commenting on the quality control of race management.
10. Most respondents had not taken courses at the sailing school and only 15% of their families had made use of it, the satisfaction rate being high.
11. Half of the respondents were interested in using the services of the Sailing Director especially for advanced classes and boat tuning.
12. Two thirds of respondents found the state of the downstairs shower and toilet facilities unacceptable.
13. Half the respondents did not find the Sailors' Cabin satisfactory due to its use as a storage area and the lack of food and drink available.
14. Internal boat storage users were generally satisfied with the facilities.
15. Twenty percent of external boat parking facility users were concerned with security and lack of space.

Valerie Clifford

NOTE : *Copies of the report are available at the bookcase in the CYC Office*

SMILE some responses from the membership survey:

"A marina with a small number of births would be great." *(Well, that is one way to increase club membership!)*

"Relocate at Bateman's Bay. Better yet, bring Bateman's Bay here."

"Canal from near tower to front deck of club, exiting into Lotus Bay for boat access to club."



Flying Fifteen's Champion: Stewart Shimeld



Junior Achievement Award: Alice Goldby

CYC **Awards**

Club Member of the Year:	Trevor Hippisley
Yachtsman of the Year:	Matt Owen
Yachtswoman of the Year:	Ellen Russell
Crew of the Year:	Mathew Gleeson
Most Improved Senior Skipper:	Geoff Gillett
Most Improved Junior Skipper:	Steven Bell
Junior Achievement Award:	Alice Goldby

TRAINING SQUAD

Foxtel International Youth Club Regatta

Applications are invited from members of the Canberra Yacht Club to join a training squad to prepare for and contest the Foxtel International Youth Club Regatta in Sydney in November this year.

The regatta is run by the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia Youth Sailing Academy at Rushcutters Bay in Sydney and will be sailed in the Academyís fleet of Elliott 5.9s

Six candidates will be selected to participate in an initial training camp at the Academy on July 5-8. From this, a crew of three will be selected to represent the Canberra Yacht Club in the Regatta. They will undertake advanced coaching led by Teki Dalton, which will include a further Academy course in Sydney on October 4-8.

The age range for this squad is 16 to 20. Sponsorship is being negotiated by the Canberra Yacht Club to assist the squad at the training camp, but some contribution will be required from the squad members. Parents of younger squad members may also be required to assist.

Applications should be sent in NOW to:

Sean O'Regan, Canberra Yacht Club Sailing School

Phone 6287 3100 or Fax 6273 7177 or e-mail cyc@atrax.net.au



Boat Hire **BUSINESS PLAN**

Peter Manley has undertaken the task of preparing a business plan for the proposed boat hire operation at the Club. This is to meet a developing need. It is seen as the key to developing recreational sailing and increasing the Club's membership.

Peter would be grateful for assistance with the task, which will include insuring that all NCA and ACT government regulations and requirements are covered. Volunteers may care to phone Peter on

6258 9867 (h).

Notice of General Meeting

to be held in the

Sailors Cabin

at the

Canberra Yacht Club

at **3:30 pm** on

Sunday, July 18 1999

Purpose

The purpose of the meeting is to align the description of "the committee" contained in the Canberra Yacht Clubís constitution with the management structure as approved by the Club's 1998 Annual General Meeting and as proven by the experience of working with that structure during this membership year.

Situation

The 1998 Annual General Meeting endorsed the new management structure as part of the Club's Strategy and Business Plan. However, because there was not time to align the constitution with that structure, office bearers were elected against the superseded descriptions on the basis that they would be allocated to the positions specified in the new structure. The meeting agreed the committee would work with the new structure, fine tune it where needed and bring forward an amendment to align the constitution with the new structure in time for nominations to be called against the new structure for the 1999 Annual General Meeting.

The new structure has worked well. It covers the wide span of club business and is outcomes-oriented.

Having stood the test of experience, it is desirable to undertake the foreshadowed amendment now to allow nominations for positions on the committee to actually reflect the work entailed in managing the club.

Only one piece of fine tuning is recommended ñ that is to split the work of the Director, Marketing Promotion and Public Relations.

The workload allocated to that position has been found to be too much for one person working in a voluntary capacity. The Public Relations work requires constant thought and daily attention to opportunities across the club. It needs a separate position and that position needs to be a full committee position in its own right to have the necessary span of understanding of what is going on.

The constitution presently provides for only seven positions. Another full position needs to be created on the committee.

Proposal

Your committee unanimously recommends the following :

Principal amendment :

"Delete the existing sub-rules 12 (1) and 12 (2) and insert in their place the following

12 (1) The Committee shall consist of

Commodore

Vice commodore

Director, Corporate Services

Director, Member Services

Director, Promotion and Marketing

Director, Public Relations

Director, Racing

Director, Recreational Sailing

Each of whom shall be elected pursuant to rule 13 or appointed in accordance with sub-rule (4).

12 (2) The Committee shall appoint or employ a person as a supernumerary to the committee to undertake the duties of secretary of the association specified at rule 14 and elsewhere in these rules. That person shall not have any of the powers specified for members of the committee."

Secondary amendment

"In all places where the term "Treasurer" appears, it shall be amended to read "Director, Corporate Services". All reference to "office bearers and ordinary committee members" shall be deleted and replaced with the term "committee members"."

Moved by Neil Primrose

Seconded by Robert Bain

14 June 1999

New Boats for Sailing School

After an exhaustive and intensely consultative process, taking into account the views of club members, expert commentators and the experience of other leading sailing schools, the Clubís Committee has approved the following purchases under the Capital Purchase Program provided by the Southern Cross Club.

***Four* Flying 11 class junior trainers**

&

***Three* 29ers class modern concept centreboarders**

These boats will be operated by the Sailing School and will be available for hire by club members to race in the club races. The boats are expected to be commissioned by late September.

Two additional 29ers have been purchased privately ñ one by Sean OíRegan and Wendy Parish and one by the Gallagher family. Sean and Wendy have already arranged sponsorship for their boat. They are willing to assist other prospective owners who may be looking for sponsorship.

The Club expects to have a class start for the 29ers from the start of the season. A class start will also be provided for the Flying IIs if one or two additional boats are bought privately. A list of second hand boats will be available shortly. For enquires, see Sean.

Reserve these Dates!

Sunday, 4 July at 12 noon
Winter Series - Race 4

Monday, 5 July at 6.00pm
Sailors' Users Group in Sailors Cabin. Come along - find out what is happening in your Club and have your say.

Sunday, 18 July at 12 noon
Winter Series - Race 5

Sunday, 18 July at 3.30 pm
General Meeting to amend the constitution in preparation for the AGM. *See separate notice.*
Sail in the ***Winter Series*** race for that day or come down to see the end of the race. Either way, stay on for the meeting.

Saturday, 24 July at 9.30 am
Work party to ***paint Sailors Cabin.***
Those who can help, please contact Bob Townsend 6247 6427 or townsend@canberra.teknet.net.au

Sunday, 1 August at 12 noon
Winter Series - Race 6

Monday, 2 August at 6.00pm
Sailors' Users Group in Sailors Cabin.

Sunday, 15 August at 12 noon
Winter Series - Race 7

Monday, 23 August at 7.30 pm
Annual General Meeting in the Sailors Cabin. Come along and take part in the management of your Club.

Sunday, 5 September at 6.00pm
Sailors' Users Group in Sailors Cabin.

Saturday, September 11
Boat Show and Trading Day
Promote your class. Get unused boats out of garages around Canberra and flog them to owners that want to use them.
Contact David Townsend 6247 6427 or HYPERLINK mailto:townjd@dynamite.com.au townjd@dynamite.com.au
40th Anniversary Dinner Dance at the Southern Cross Yacht Club.
A chance to celebrate the achievements of the past four decades and look forward to the new millennium.
Look for details in future newsletters and be prepared to book early to be one of the 100 guests.
Those who would like to assist, please contact Bob Townsend 6247 8156 or townsend@canberra.teknet.net.au

The New AYF **National Membership Scheme**

The Club asked the AYF to provide a short article on why the membership arrangements had been changed and what benefits the new scheme would have for members. Megan Seton, the Public Relations Coordinator for the AYF, provided the following :

"The new **National Membership Scheme** for boating was launched on 1 July 1999 and has been developed to provide services for those who go boating.

The Scheme has been developed for three primary reasons:

1. to offer services and tangible benefits to members;
2. to provide a platform for communication between the administrators of the sport and the boating public; and
3. to provide a structure that will facilitate the future of boating, both financially and politically.

The new structure has been developed in consultation with the Member Yachting Associations (MYAs) across Australia, various Yacht Clubs and individuals. In developing the Scheme, the aim has been to provide a service that is valuable to all those who go boating. The various benefits linked to the Scheme (which you will see outlined below) have been sourced because of their relevance to the individuals who may join the Scheme.

Until this point, there has been no national database of boating enthusiasts, and no way to acquire information about them. One aim of the Scheme is to find out more about our members and their interests, so that more relevant services can be provided.

Under the new Scheme, there will be three levels of membership ñ Gold, Silver and Youth (available to people under the age of 19 years at 30 June). Silver and Youth Memberships are reserved for those who are members of an affiliated Club. Silver and Youth Members may upgrade to Gold Membership at any time to receive the extra benefits.

So what happens when I join?

For most Silver and Youth Members, their names and addresses will be forwarded to their MYA when they pay their fees to their Yacht Club. Once the AYF receives the memberís name and address, a Membership Kit will be sent directly to them. In this kit will be their Membership Card which will entitle them to the various benefits, along with details of these benefits. There will also be an invitation for Silver and Youth Members to upgrade to Gold Membership.

So what are the benefits?

Gold Card Benefits

- 3rd party Liability to $10,000,000
- Waterline, the quarterly National Members Magazine
- Gold Membership Card
- Personal Accident cover while racing (under sail), cruising (under power or sail) or ashore on affiliated yacht club areas
- Access to an AYF American Express Affinity Credit Card with Member Rewards*
- Up to 40% discount off the standard tariff when staying at Parkroyal, Centra and Travelodge hotels and resorts internationally.
- Special discounts on your next holiday when booking through Thomas Cook Direct
- Discounts on marine software from Seasoft Marine
- Access to AYF Personal Loans to $30,000 from Capital Finance*
- Discounted hull and spar insurance
- A $20 voucher on joining or upgrading, redeemable at Whitworths Stores or through the Whitworths mailorder catalogue

Youth and Silver Card Benefits

- Personal Accident cover while racing (under sail), cruising (under power or sail) or ashore on affiliated yacht club areas
- Silver or Youth Membership Card
- Access to an AYF American Express Affinity Credit Card with Member Rewards*
- Up to 40% discount off the standard tariff when staying at Parkroyal, Centra and Travelodge hotels and resorts internationally.
- Special discounts on your next holiday when booking through Thomas Cook Direct
- Discounts on marine software from Seasoft Marine
- Access to AYF Personal Loans to $30,000 from Capital Finance*

* *Not available to Youth Members*

Other benefits negotiated by MYAs may also be available. These will vary depending on the State or Territory.

How much will card-holding membership cost?

Silver Membership will be at the same level as the current membership, with fees being paid through Yacht Clubs. You may not have realised that you currently contribute, as the costs are often included in your Yacht Club fees. The exact amounts will vary from MYA to MYA, as at present. Gold Membership will be at a fixed rate of $60. Those wishing to upgrade from Youth or Silver to Gold will pay a fee of just $35.

Those choosing to upgrade to a Gold Membership, or join as a Gold member, will receive a voucher valued at $20, redeemable at Whitworths (either at retail outlets or by mail order). Thus the effective cost of upgrading is minimal in the first year.

For those who are Members of multiple Clubs, under the new Membership Scheme these individuals will only contribute to the MYA and AYF once in any year. Upon production of their membership card, these individuals can avoid contributing to the MYA and AYF several times through their various club memberships.

Further details are available by visiting the AYF website at ***www.aussailing.org*** or calling the AYF on ***(02) 9922 4333***."

CYC members should note that AYF membership is required for all boat owners and their crews who participate in the Clubís race program. It is a matter for individual decision whether boat owners and their crews who participate in aspects of the sport of sailing other than racing under the auspices of the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing wish to avail themselves of the benefits of AYF membership.

AYF membership material will be on display at the CYC Office when it is received.

See separate note on paying AYF membership fees through the Club.

MemberShip Renewal Procedure

The CYC committee has approved the implementation of computer-based integrated member records and financial record keeping.

This will improve administrative services available to members and facilitate more effective and efficient record keeping and financial management.

The expected long-term benefits include:

- members are no longer required to complete annual renewal forms each year or provide any other information unless personal member information (eg, telephone numbers) has changed or members do not wish to avail themselves of the same services provided by the club in the previous year (eg, boat storage or advance race entry fees);
- faster processing of annual member renewals by CYC office staff and volunteers;
- the ability to generate specific financial reports for each aspect of the club's activities, including the sailing school as a separate division of the club's accounts;
- improved financial management;
- the ability to effectively manage and control the commercial activities of the club; and
- improved information and reporting on membership statistics.

As a result of the changes, annual renewal procedures will be slightly different from previous years. At the commencement of each financial year, members will now be sent a computer generated member renewal notice which will detail the current services provided by the CYC to that member. This provides details of fees due for the forthcoming membership year (July 1, 1999 to June 30, 2000).

Members will note the major change is the separate AYF fee from club membership. This emphasises the value of club membership at $35 per member. See separate article for new AYF membership structure and fee requirements.



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NEWS*LETTER*

Would you be able to come into the Club during office hours (Wed-Fri 11am to 2.30pm) and help fold and sticky tape the newsletter before it goes to the Post Office.

Its about 5/6 person hours of work. Or it could be done at home during the weekend. It would make it a nice job if two to three people were able to help. We'll provide tea and bikkies! Please phone Jo on 6273 7177 if this job has your name on it.

Canberra Yacht Club

Summer Sailing Results

Championship 98-99 Pointscore

1A	1st	Geoff Gillett (Gemm 550)	1st	Ian Brokenshire (Castle 650)
	2nd	Ilmar Kalnins (Timpenny 670)	2nd	Ilmar Kalnins (Timpenny 670)
	3rd	Neil Primrose (Elliott 7)	3rd	Geoff Gillett (Gem 550)
	4th	Paul Scrivenor (Adams 21)	4th	Neil Primrose (Elliott 7)
1B	1st	Chris Kenyon (Farr 6)	1st	Ken Betts (TS16)
	2nd	Ken Betts (TS 16)	2nd	Wayne Sillick (TS 16)
	3rd	John Verheul (Austral 20)	3rd	John Verheul (Austral 20)
2	1st	Chris Ablett (LW Sharpie)	1st	Peter/Ellen Russell (470)
	2nd	Derek Milligan (Contender)	2nd	Derek Milligan (Contender)
	3rd	M Francis (Contender)	3rd	Chris Ablett (LW Sharpie)
	4th	Anita Scott-Murphy (470)	4th	M Francis (Contender)
3	1st	Stuart Shimeld	1st	Peter Forster
	2nd	Peter Russell	2nd	John Kennedy
	3rd	Peter Forster	3rd	Stuart Shimeld
	4th	John Kennedy	4th	Peter Russell
4	1st	Martin Linsley	1st	Nick Gellie
	2nd	Nick Gellie	2nd	Martin Linsley
	3rd	Martin Brady	3rd	Martin Brady
	4th	Nick Wyatt	4th	Nick Hilyard
5	1st	Sue Youngman	1st	Sue Youngman
6	1st	Daryl Riding (A Class)	1st	Mike Dunn (Hobie 20)
	2nd	Mick Dunn (Hobie 20)	2nd	Daryl Riding (A Class)
	3rd	Brent Freestone (Hobie 18-20)	3rd	Brent Freestone (Hobie 18-20)

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 1999-2000

1 July 1999 –30 June 2000

1. Canberra Yacht Club membership fees:

Single Membership	**$35**	
Family Membership	**$60**	(Immediate family to18 yrs of age)
Student Membership	**$15**	(Full time student to age 23 as of 1 July 1999)
Junior Membership	**$10**	(18 years or less as of 1 July 1999)

- Please turn over to complete member details.

2. Do you wish to pay the Australian Yachting Federation membership?

AYF Adult membership $18 Junior: $8

- Please turn over to complete details.
- This fee is mandatory should you wish to participate in any races conducted under the AYF Racing Rules of Sailing.
- Each person covered under a family membership who wishes to participate in a CYC organised race event should pay this fee.
- Any person who is a CYC member and who crews on a yacht participating in a CYC organised sailing event should pay this fee.
- Any person who crews in a CYC organised sailing event will be required on demand to show that they are an AYF member. (A limited grace period may be allowed.)
- It is understood that for each person paying an AYF/YAACT membership fee, an AYF membership card will be issued.
- These arrangements are being implemented on a national basis.

3. Season Race Entry Fee (REF)

Adults - $140 Junior - $70

- Please turn over to complete REF details.
- The REF includes entry to the CYC Championship, Pointscore, Twilight and Winter race series.
- Members may choose to pay a once only REF or pay a separate REF of $10 for adult or $5 for juniors for each race entered.
- Regatta and other series fees are additional and will be advised separately.

4. Boat Storage Fee

- Please see separate form. Costs are noted on that form.
- If you intend to make application for either renewal or new boat storage, please complete the Application for Boat Storage 1999-2000.
- Priority will be given to people with existing boat storage. That priority will lapse if fee is not paid by 15th August, 1999.

5. Canberra Southern Cross Club membership is highly recommended by your Executive to reinforce their support for the Canberra Yacht Club.

Please turn over.

CYC membership details *(Please tick one)*

Single **Family** **Single** **Student** **Junior**

Member

Surname		Office Use Membership #
First name		
AYF Membership Required	Yes/No (please circle) - $18	

Spouse if applicable

Surname		Office Use Membership #
First name		
AYF Membership Required	Yes/No (please circle) - $18	

Children if applicable

Surname		Office Use Membership #
First name		
Date of Birth		
AYF Membership Required	Yes/No (please circle) - $	

Surname		Office Use Membership #
First name		
Date of Birth		
AYF Membership Required	Yes/No (please circle) - $	

For additional children please attach details in similar format.

Telephone number

Member – work	Spouse - work	Home	Mobile	Facsimile	E-mail

Postal address

Number/Street/PO Box	Suburb	Territory/State	Post Code

Racing Entry Form

Name of Yacht_____ Type_____ Owner_____

Sail Number_____ LOA_____metres Hull Colour_____

Class/Division (T/Sailors indicate 1a or 1b)_____ CBH/Rating (if known)_____

I agree to be bound by the racing rules of the ISAF, by the prescriptions of the AYF, by sailing instructions and by the Class Rules. I declare that I accept the responsibility for the management and safety of my yacht and that the CYC bears no responsibility for any loss, damage or injury to persons or yacht which may occur in connection with the event entered.

Signed_____ Date_____

Fees being paid

Membership Fee	$	Office Use
Race Entry Fee	$	Amount paid: $
AYF Fee(s) (please total)	$	Membership #
Boat Storage Fee	$	Date paid:
Total	$	Entered:

Canberra Southern Cross Club membership number (if applicable):.....

Canberra Yacht Club

SailingNews

August 1999

Don't miss CYC's
Try and Buy Boat Show

To help celebrate the Club's 40th anniversary and to encourage more people to join and go sailing, we will kick off the new season in style with the first *CYC Try and Buy Boat Show*.

It will be in the club grounds on September 11 1999 from 11am to 4pm. The show is aimed at:

- Attracting former or would-be sailors to join the club and get active.
- Encouraging people with unused boats to use them (or sell them to those who will.
- Demonstrating the many social and sporting attractions of Canberra Yacht Club and Canberra Southern Cross Club.

Commodore Robert Redfern said the day would be a great opportunity to show the Club's excellent facilities and wide range of training and other programs. "We expect many visitors also will be interested in the Club's new recreational sailing program," Robert said. "This accords with recent findings by the Australian Yachting Federation that there is a growing trend toward non-competitive sailing, particularly for families."

"Visitors will find that we can offer the full scope, from the keenest racing and training to the many other ways people can enjoy safe and rewarding sailing fun."

Robert said the boat market was a new venture for the Club. "Getting unused boats out on the water, and new members in them, is our aim. It's success will depend very much on our experienced members being there on the day to explain rigging and safety aspects and encourage prospective members to take up special membership offers."

Sailing School display

A feature will be display and demonstrations of the Sailing Schoolís Toppers, Lasers and Corsairs. Most, if not all of the new 29ers and at least two of the Flying IIs, which are being purchased under the Southern Cross Capital Purchase Plan, will be proudly on display.

Classes on show

Class associations are showing considerable interest in mounting displays. Space bookings should be made as soon as possible. Classes are also being asked to provide members to assist with boat parking and sale arrangements as well as ensuring intending members are made welcome and given helpful advice. Contact coordinators David Townsend (6247 6427, townjd@dynamite.com.au) or Bob Townsend (6247 8156, townsend@canberra.teknet.net.au).

Boat Sales

Publicity will invite people who have boats but aren't using them to consider selling them to people who will, or to see what attractions the Club can offer. Anyone who wants to book in a boat for sale should call David Townsend or Bob Townsend.

There will be a fee of $10 to park "for-sale" boats at the venue.

Other organisations invited to take part include Dragon Boats, Canberra sailing suppliers and Sailability.

ACT SAILING INC
Mariner Place
Yarralumla ACT 2600

GPO Box 2035
CANBERRA CITY ACT 2601

Phone/Fax: 02 6273 7177
Email: cyc@atrax.net.au
Web: www.act-sailing.asn.au

Using Outboard Motors

on the lake

It has been brought to the club's attention, by the Water Police and other lake users, that some members of the trailer sailer fleet are not using their outboard motors on Lake Burley Griffin in accordance with the permits with which they have been issued. Motoring through dinghy fleets and cruising up and down the lake were not the purposes for which the permits were issued. The following is an extract from the NCA policy for the use of powered boats on Lake Burley Griffin:

Trailable yachts with auxiliary power (C2 category) may be granted a permit under section 26 (1) (c) of the Lakes Ordinance. Permit holders are required to:

- ✦ display the identification issued with the permit;
- ✦ limit the boat to a reasonable and necessary speed;
- ✦ in Yarramundi Reach, give way to rowers, use the perimeter transit lanes, and observe the anti-clockwise movement from Black Mountain boat ramp during rowing activities;
- ✦ ensure that yachts using auxiliary power on the lake are fully equipped for sailing. Skippers using auxiliary power should comply with the safety regulations of the Australian Yachting Federation;
- ✦ use auxiliary power only for exit and return to the mooring or boat ramp, for self rescue, or for situations where sail power is not appropriate.

The following points were made by Kevin Frawley of the NCA:

1. Auxiliary power is not in general use on the lake. Its use to exit and return, get back when becalmed, where there is an injury to crew or damage to the boat, are all appropriate.
2. To use an unrigged boat to motor over to Springbank Island is not appropriate.
3. There is an onus on cruising yacht owners to act responsibly. It took a long time to get the rules changed. Assurances of responsible behaviour in the "spirit of the law" were important in achieving the change.

The above report and comments are available for perusal by all members in the CYC Sailors' Cabin. I might also add that it may not be our members that are at fault and that this matter has only been raised for the benefit of our members.

KEN BETTS

Membership Reminder

Thanks for all the membership money that has been coming in. A friendly reminder to those of you who haven't responded yet - it would be a great help if we had everybody's money in by mid-August.

Sailors Cabin

Painting

The alterations to the Sailors Cabin will be completed shortly and then it will need repainting. The colours have been selected by an interior decorator. If you have some time available during the week or at weekends, could you give Bob Townsend a call on 6247 8156 and offer your help. Every extra hour will lighten the load on the few.

Canberra Yacht Club

Annual General Meeting

23 August 1999

Nomination form for Committee Position

Nomination:

I wish to nominate (nominee's name) _____

for the position of:

(please tick one box only - use a separate form for each nomination)

- ❑ Commodore
- ❑ Vice commodore
- ❑ Director, Corporate Services
- ❑ Director, Member Services
- ❑ Director, Promotion and Marketing
- ❑ Director, Public Relations
- ❑ Director, Racing
- ❑ Director, Recreational Sailing

Name of nominator _____

Signed (signature of nominator) _____

CYC membership number _____

Seconded by (name of seconder) _____

Signed (signature of seconder) _____

CYC membership number _____

Declaration:

I, _____, accept the above nomination

Signed (signature of the nominee) _____

Note: Nominations must be received by the Office Manager, acting as secretary of the association, by the close of business on Monday August 16, 1999 to meet rule 13.(1) (b)

Please see over for details on positions.

Indicative Allocation of

Tasks Within the Committee

Note : *The detailed allocation of tasks would be a matter for decision by the new Committee, presumably at its initial planning session shortly after the AGM.*

Commodore

- Figure head for members
- Chair the Committee
- Champion the Club externally
- Lead the relationship with the CSCC
- Lead strategic planning and policy

Vice Commodore

- Chair the Board of the Sailing School
- Coordinate the planning of infrastructure for the CYC
- Liaison point with CSCC planing group
- Assist with strategic planning and policy

Director, Corporate Services

- Manage the treasury function
- Develop a long term financial plan
- Develop a risk management strategy
- Top level management of the physical assets of the CYC
- Oversee the Office Manager
- Provide HR support to employees

Director, Member Services

- Ensure members demands are identified and are attended to
- Promote membership of the CYC and the CSCC
- Supervise induction of new members
- Develop and manage the social program
- Manage the use of the Sailorsí Cabin
- Chair the Boat Storage Sub-committee

Director, Public Relations

- Develop a communications plan for the CYC
- Manage coverage of the Clubís activities and achievements in the media
- Ensure racing results are published
- Promote the CYC in yachting journals
- Regularly refresh the web site

Director, Promotion and Marketing

- Develop and implement a marketing and promotion plan for the CYC
- Negotiate sponsorship for the Club and specific events
- Promote the CYC to business, government and other influential decision makers
- Support the Commodore in championing the Club in the wider community
- Provide quality control over the way the CYC is presented to the community
- Manage the newsletter

Director, Racing

- Manage a high quality racing program
- Chair the Sailing Users' Group
- Attract regattas and special events to the CYC
- Co-ordinate protest committees and oversee the technical aspects of racing
- Ensure effective linkage of training graduates with the racing program
- CYC nominee to the YA of the ACT

Director, Recreational Sailing

- Liaise with kindred organisations and plan a range of recreational sailing activities/events
- Ensure linkage of training graduates with the recreational sailing activities
- Develop recreational sailing and associated social activities on Lake Burley Griffin
- Arrange recreational sailing activities beyond Canberra for the benefit of members
- Manage the Club's involvement with the ACT Government's events and other public occasions on the Lake
- Arrange activities that draw CSCC members into sailing

40th Birthday Dinner Dance



date: Saturday 11 September

place: Southern Cross Yacht Club

time: 7pm champagne on arrival. Program begins at 7.15pm so latecomers will miss out on the champagne!

what: A three course dinner is part of the evening's activities, with a band for dancing to complete the evening.

Come and join in some history, reflections, daring deeds and hopes for the future of your Yacht Club!

includes: Door prize, party packs and birthday cake.

cost: $40 per head

rsvp: A limit of 100 guests, whcih will be processed in the order received by Bob Townsent at the addresses below. Payment must then be received at the Yacht Club Office **by Friday 3 September.** People on the waiting list will be offered places after this date.

Bob Townsend
Ph: 6247 8156
3-mail: townsent@canberra.taknet.net.au
96 Cowper Street
DICKSON ACT 2602

Notepad

Please see AYF membership information on the shelving in the Sailors Bar!

Reserve these Dates!

Sunday, 15 August at 12 noon
Winter Series - Race 7

Monday, 23 August at 7.30 pm
Annual General Meeting in the Sailors Cabin. Come along and take part in the management of your Club.

Sunday, 5 September at 6.00pm
Sailors' Users Group in Sailors Cabin.

Saturday, 11 September
Boat Show and Trading Day
Promote your class. Get unused boats out of garages around Canberra and flog them to owners that want to use them.
Contact David Townsend 6247 6427 or HYPERLINK mailto:townjd@dynamite.com.au townjd@dynamite.com.au
40th Anniversary Dinner Dance at the Southern Cross Yacht Club.
A chance to celebrate the achievements of the past four decades and look forward to the new millennium.
Look for details in future newsletters and be prepared to book early to be one of the 100 guests.
Those who would like to assist, please contact Bob Townsend 6247 8156 or townsend@canberra.teknet.net.au

Sunday, 19 September at 2 pm
Summer series, pointscore 1 and CCYA 1

Sunday 26 September at 2 pm
Pointscore 2 and 3, short course.

Saturday & Sunday, 2 &3 October
Port Stephens cruise

Sunday, 3 October at 2 pm
Pointscore 4 and CCYA 2

Sunday, 10 October at 2 pm
Pointscore 5 and Championship 1

Saturday, 16 October
CCYA lady skipper

Sunday, 17 October at 2 pm
Pointscore 6 and CCYA 3

Sunday, 24 October at 2 pm
Pointscore 7

Saturday & Sunday, 30-31 October
Kogarah Bay Cruise

Report on

1999 Arafura Games

The Arafura Games is an event all CYC members might consider entering. This year, for the first time, sailing was included as a sport in the Games. Given the suitability of the Darwin Sailing Club environment - its friendly, supportive members and staff in particular - this is surprising.

The biennial Games are a spectacle worthy of the effort needed to get there. Run in Darwin, and organized by the Northern Territory government, this year's Games was the fifth since their inception. Held over a week in May it attracted 5113 competitors, officials and other registered people from close to 20 countries (250 more than in 1997). They came to participate in 26 different sports, ranging from sepic tacraw, to rugby and ten-pin bowling.

All competitors in the Games are members of teams. Foreign countries have single national teams (excepting Indonesia, from which regional representation occurred), and from Australia each state and territory had separate teams. And yes, I saw an ACT team there (but didn't manage to speak to its members). How are team members selected? From what I could see, self-selection was common. Individuals simply gained the endorsement of the national/state/territory sporting association (with that body then coordinating with the national/state/territory coordinators) paid the entry fee, and were presented with the team uniform marking them as bona-fide representatives.

I was there as a member of the Australian Defence Force team. As the Games is the major international sporting event for the ADF, its team consisted of around 250 Service guys and gals. The sailing component was entitled to send seven members, but for Service reasons only two Tasars teams traveled to Darwin. Furthermore, my crew, sent to Darwin before the Games for a maintenance task, also proved



unavailable, as the task proved unachievable in time. In his place a local youth volunteered at the last minute to sail with me.

Two of the great things about being part of a larger team at the Games were the additional loyalties and comradeship it gave rise to. Extra entertainment too, for I found that when not sailing, touring the other sporting venues to support ADF teams was easy and enjoyable. The team factor was, perhaps, most evident at the Games opening and closing ceremonies. Like the Olympics and Commonwealth Games these included packed stadiums, multi-cultural atmosphere, spectacular entertainment, team marching, flames, oaths and partying. The medal ceremonies also equated to the better known Games, with march-ons, national anthems and flags!

The Darwin Sailing Club is located on the semi-protected shores of Fannie Bay, about 5km from downtown Darwin. It is large, supported by a club-type environment with bar, bistro, and gaming machines, and has its share of social members. It caters for both dinghies and yachts; with Tasars, Lasers and Minnows being the classes raced, and sufficient S80s to almost qualify for class racing. Interestingly, there were many sizeable cruising and racing multihulls, but no off-the-beach cats; and there was little sign of handicap racing.

The sailing base of Darwin Sailing Club is clearly family orientated. Its training fleet of Toppers, and Lasers available for charter are well used. Impressive were the large numbers of juniors sailing radial rigged Lasers (including several girls aged 13 up), and daughter-mother, and father-son crews sailing Tasars. Itís a model sailing community made up of a great bunch of people. They combined to make the regatta something special and the visitors particularly welcome.

Given the high quality and effort given by the Darwin Sailing Club to attracting entries to the Games, the numbers of overseas and interstate sailors was probably disappointing. The two ADF Sailing Association Tasars were the only additions to the 12 strong Tasar fleet, and the approximately 22 local Lasers (divided into open full rig, radial-men and radial-women fleets) were supplemented by four boats from NSW and one Brit who represented PNG whilst in transit to NZ.

The regatta consisted of seven races (six to count) preceded by an invitation race. The organization of each was of high quality given the contrary conditions. Throughout the week the winds were light (3-12 knts, with most being in the 5-7 knt range) and unpredictably variable, requiring changes to the course of most races and, not uncommonly, delayed starts. Another consideration was the tidal stream. Fortunately the 7m range of Darwinís spring tides had given way to a more manageable neap range of 4m, but the resultant flows were still a formidable consideration. The race committeeís handling of the races in these conditions was good.

The event was well supported by an international team of judges of high quality. Not only did they manage the few protests in an exemplary manner, but they followed the fleet! Several Lasers were dsq in the invitation race for their proclivity for rocking, and one Tasar during the series.

The courses, using both the ëoldí and new Olympic configurations, attracted some comment. With just one triangle and sausage in the triangular course the Tasars finished in around an hour, even in the light winds - short for a championship. The trapezoid course with just one long beat, one short one, two short reaches and a short run was less satisfactory. Thereís room for debate about the ideal championship course for Tasars and Lasers.

No matter the conditions, the best sailors usually win. And so it was for the local Tasar pair of Ben Nicholas and Thomas Winter, the current national champions, who won every race, bar the last (when they switched roles). They consistently appeared to have superior upwind boat speed, and the early breaks that this gave provided a buffer that reduced the consequences of subsequent major changes in the wind.

Behind this pair placings during the races were more mixed and changeable. It was a credit to the standard of sailing within the Darwin Sailing Club that many boats challenged for the minor positions during the series. In the end however, the greatest consistency was shown by the ADFSA pair of Daryl Stone and Ross Macdonald. Both experienced skippers, they teamed well for their first regatta together, and despite being relatively heavy, were always able to achieve good boat speed. Their placings were 2,3,6,2,2,dns&1 for an adjusted total of 16, comfortably clear of the experienced local crew of Ross and Linda Kennedy (3,4,2,4,4,6,7 - 23).

"Two of the great things about being part of a larger team at the Games were the additional loyalties and comradeship it gave rise to."

Equal fourth overall on 27 points were ADFSA helmsmen SGT Mick Dale and me, with Mick winning on countback. Mick sailed for the NT team, and had the distinction of sailing with the youngest Games, his son Steven, aged 8. They finished with results of 6,5,3,10,9,2&2. As for your scribe and his stand-in crew, we managed placings of 8,7,4(dsq), 3,3,3&3.

The various divisions of Laser racing sailed as one fleet, and therefore often had closer competition than the Tasars. Local sailors dominated each of the divisions, with the younger members of Darwin Sailing Club prominent as medal winners. Laser full rig winner was Toby Wharton; Radial Men winner, Tim Jensen; and Radial Women winner Taryn Batenburg.

There's a lot to be said for watching sunsets over the sea from the patio of Darwin Sailing Club, drink in hand, warm in shorts and shirt, and thinking about the 'season of mists and mellow fruitfulness' down south. And there's even more which might be added about a half-dayís short-course racing with the Club fleets, and a delightful twilight race courtesy of Darwin Sailing Club members.

As a break, too, the regatta's lay-day provided an opportunity for inter-class socialization. A trip to Litchfield National Park was organised; for many this being a more attractive, and definitely more accessible attraction than Kakadu. The scenery, space and swimming combining to be a most pleasant distraction from the pressures of competition.

The Darwin Sailing Club is likely to develop its approach to attracting visiting sailors for the 2001 Games. Possible initiatives include the subsidized transport or charter costs, and thereís the thought of combining the Games with the 2001 Tasar National Championship. The views of the ADF Sailing Team were that fleet racing should be maintained for Lasers, but that the local Tasars should be used for a team racing competition, and the local S80s for match racing in yachts.

Whatever the outcome, I am sure that any ACT sailors attending the 2001 Arafura Games will receive a great welcome and experience a sailing/sporting event with a difference. I recommend it to you.

Martin Linsley

CYC Canberra Yacht Club

Canberra Yacht Club

Committee

Structure	Name	Address	Ph work	Ph home
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Director (Mem Svcs)	Townsend Bob	96 Cowper St Dickson ACT 2602	6247	
Director (MP & PR)	Robert Bain	8 Bonwick Place Garran ACT 2605	6270 5400	6281 3912
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Canberra Yacht Club Commodore's Report 1998-1999 Season

This is my second report in this my second period as Commodore of the Canberra Yacht Club. 1998-1999 has been a year of substantial and challenging development. We have started a new dimension in the Club's look and style. This year has seen phase 1 of the Business Plan implemented, as your Committee was task to do by last year's AGM. I feel that both the CSCC and the CYC have made noteworthy and praiseworthy gains as separate organisations and as partners together at our unique site on the shores of Lake Burley Griffin and located near the centre of the Parliamentary Triangle.

Highlights

While 1997-98 had its own challenges, the 1998-99 sailing season has seen us as a club make real progress in becoming the nation's capital most active and professional yacht club. We have done this through:

- vigorous pursuit of our business plan adopted at our last AGM;
- rejuvenated, focused and well managed sailing school;
- accessible office administration;
- continued year-round sailing program;
- unique and co-operative working relationship with the Canberra Southern Cross Club;
- dedicated sailing users' group;
- timely and regular communication with the membership;
- some dozens of wonderful people who volunteer their time in many useful and varied ways; and
- an executive who has shown a willingness to contribute many hours of effort despite full-time work commitments.

During the year the executive lost two members through resignation – Julie Barnes and Carol Wylde-Browne. My appreciation to Carol's contributions in particular must be noted. The executive co-opted Ian Smith to carry on as our Director of Corporate Services and Robert Townsend as Director of Membership Services. Their work to date has seen real achievements. Ian and his team has made very important progress towards an effective and easy to use accounting package while Robert and his team is working behind the scenes on our 40th birthday celebrations, boat parking and a CYC open day as well as other matters of significance.

Implementing the Business Plan

As promised at the last AGM, the executive has made every endeavour to keep the membership informed of progress with our business plan. Two of the many newsletters you have received over the last 12 months have made a special point of addressing this matter. I think it is worth reiterating the highlights for the record:

- ✓ employment of a part-time office manager;
- ✓ new boson appointed on fee for service basis;
- ✓ new office accommodation;
- ✓ review of the role of the YAACT encouraged and undertaken;
- ✓ board of management for the sailing school established;
- ✓ youth sailing development scheme;
- ✓ new club logo and signage;
- ✓ CYC web-site created;
- ✓ significant progress towards a new boat parking lot and re-arrangement of both undercover and outdoors boat parking;

- ✓ policy and procedures put in place for boat parking, club financial management, TYA CBH for trailable yachts, "C" series numbers, race management and coaching boat policy and financial management (see public policy and procedures manual);
- ✓ legal return of our club name;
- ✓ the first comprehensive survey of our membership;
- ✓ consultations on new advanced training boats for the sailing school and for club dinghy racing; and
- ✓ strategic alliance with the *Teki Dalton* Adventure Sailing School.

These highlights leave out most of what has been achieved by our sailing school. A review of the school's operations appears later in this report. I ask everyone to note, however, that an enormous management effort has been focused on the school and our Vice Commodore, Neil Primrose, has spearheaded this effort. I am very grateful to him and his splendid team of marketing, financial and sailing professionals who have achieved such a remarkable turnaround in such a short time.

Race Program

The race program was a full one. However, it became apparent that class duty days are nearing their "use by date". The twilight and winter series were managed under the guidance of a dedicated Principal Race Officer and the quality and reliability of race administration was there for all to see. Much appreciation is extended to Martin Kilpatrick and Darren Knights.

The 1999-2000 summer race program has been structured to continue with class duty management but there will be an ongoing issue of quality race management and consistency of approach. The new executive, in line with the views of many members, as indicated in the membership survey, will need to seriously consider the appointment of a regular PRO for each race series. For a person to commit to the responsibility and time, a monetary consideration is a real and appropriate possibility. However, it would be a requirement for classes to still commit a small number of people to assist the PRO. I would like see all classes racing every week with racing points being allocated to relevant class members assisting the PRO. The Sailing Users' Group is looking at an equitable approach to this matter.

After race gatherings are also in for a radical shake up. It has become obvious that gathering upstairs in the Canberra Southern Cross Club Yacht Club presents difficulties for both the CSCCYC and race administrators. The sudden influx of sailors mixing with club patrons sometimes raised issues of comfort and practicalities. A real effort is being made to enhance facilities in the Sailors' Cabin so that we can get together as sailors in our own space. These moves should also help to address some issues raised in the membership survey. It may take a little time and effort to work out the detail of how we can provide refreshment after sailing. But I am sure that this will be a very positive move welcomed by the racing fraternity within the club.

It would be remiss of me under this sub-heading not to mention the work of Trevor Hippisley. He has worked continuously to ensure that our race program and results are the best they can be at all times. He has also been a stalwart of the Sailing Users' Group making many useful suggestions and keeping a brake on less useful ones.

Promotion and Marketing

Robert Bain has been the main driving force in this area. He has achieved much this year despite his full-time work commitment, as the executive head of one of the nation's most difficult and controversial industry groupings. Rob and his team have introduced new signage and logo image, chased down important sponsorships, created the club's web site, and arranged media coverage of club events and milestones.

Membership

One can measure the success or otherwise of a sailing club by membership growth. The 1997 AGM noted the fall-off in sailing membership and the disappointing membership profile. The total membership in November 1997 was 266 (not including 69 non-active life members). I recall that only two junior young women and 15 junior boys were on the membership list. The figures also revealed that women members had dropped to 36.

The membership profile now shows a complete sea change. Over the last 20 months the CYC's membership has grown to about 480. The most pleasing aspect to this growth has been the increase in women members and the explosion in our junior membership. Junior female members now stand at 36 and junior males at 57.

Financial Situation

I am also very pleased with our financial position (see separate audited accounts that will be available at the AGM). In line with our business strategy, a number of areas of club administration have required a significant increase in expenditure, for example office management and rescue boat management and promotional activities.

Notwithstanding these initiatives, the executive has managed to keep expenditure within the boundaries of receipts. May I remind the membership that this result has been achieved without the need to increase membership fees to any significant degree. Initiatives are also being made to increase receipts in areas such as boat storage, increased membership numbers, and refreshments.

However, members should be cognisant of the fact that our membership fees are low when compared with other sailing clubs both in the ACT and elsewhere. As members demand higher and higher standards of service, particularly race management, it is possible that racing and membership fees may rise. This is not a given at his time, but in terms of the current fee structure, many sporting clubs could do well to benchmark their sporting facilities and activities against ours. It is my hope that an increase in income will be achieved primarily through an increase in membership numbers.

Membership Survey

The survey shows a vigorous and robust club in growth mode. It shows a reasonable high level of satisfaction in the services being provided. It also shows up areas for improvement. Broadly, the Committee was aware of these and has been working to improve them. The survey has helped to fine-tune the Committee's priorities and has been discussed with the CSSC. The survey results are confirmed by survey of Sailing School students.

The survey is important as a bench mark for future Committees and has laid the basis of a survey of members to be undertaken regularly.

The Committee's appreciation and mine is extended to Valerie Clifford who volunteered to conduct the survey. Valerie's work to make this survey a valid exercise was no easy task.

Sailing School

The training season commenced with capacity bookings for the September

school holidays and the subsequent adult learn to sail courses. The School had taken delivery of 12 new Topper dinghies, purchased for the Club by the Canberra Southern Cross Club. Facilities had been up-graded with new racking in the storage area and new sails for the Skyriders.

This momentum was lost with the resignation of the Director a fortnight before the school holidays. All bookings were cancelled or deferred and the School was put into recess.

A nation-wide search was conducted for a highly capable new Director who could make the School into something quite special.

The successful candidate, Sean O'Regan, came highly qualified as an AYF and NCA accredited coach, who had worked with the coach of the last two Olympic squads. He arrived in Canberra from Melbourne a week before the summer school holidays and immediately took on the massive task of pulling resources together to re-start the School.

A Board of Management was established to support and assist Sean. The office accommodation was up-graded and assistants recruited. The strategic alliance with the Lake Tuggeranong Sea Scout Group was reaffirmed.

Children's learn to sail courses commenced immediately and were fully subscribed throughout the summer and in the Easter holidays, although class sizes were restricted by the number of AYF accredited instructors available. Adult learn to sail courses were run constantly throughout the season and were mostly fully subscribed. Special courses were run for mothers with dependent children, personal coaching services were provided and the School's boats were hired to students and club members.

All students proceeded toward AYF TL2 accreditation.

The School's reach was extended beyond basic level learn to sail into advanced skills with the establishment of a youth development program, based mostly on graduates from the courses and the junior instructors. A team from the program competed in the Australian High School Championship at Lake Macquarie during the Easter holidays. Members of the program were also trained toward AYF coach accreditation.

The School was promoted in the press, through TV coverage of its re-opening by the Minister for Sport, Bill Stefaniak, by Sean's guest spots on Radio SSS FM, by participation in the Canberra Day Festival and in the CYC Newsletter.

The arrival of the two semi-rigid inflatables improved coaching efficiency, as did new sails for the Corsairs and new beach trolleys.

New boats to cater for intermediate and advanced students have been selected and ordered (4 x Flying 11s and 3 x 29ers), the School's storage area has been reconfigured to incorporate the extended area made available to it and preparations have been made to base all teaching from that area. The area has been carpeted and lockers have been ordered for the students.

Meanwhile, Sean completed a management course as part of his professional development agreement with the Club and graduated with a Certificate in Small Business Management.

Arrangements are under way to establish a Youth Sailing Academy within the School to clarify and strengthen the work of the youth development program and to build membership of the CYC. Work is under way to establish a regatta circuit with kindred clubs. Arrangements are also

under way to extend the arrangements for hiring the School's boats to students and CYC members to compete in the Club's racing program.

The School re-opens for the September school holidays.

The full report of the Sailing School is available for members to read on request to the Office.

Recreational Sailing

Some progress has been made toward the goal of providing services to members to engage in non-racing sailing activities. This is important to the Club.
The membership survey showed some 40 % of members engage primarily in recreational sailing activities. Many of the newcomers the Sailing School has introduced to the sport have taken up this type of sailing. The School's boats have been hired to families and to individuals for this purpose.

Work is well advanced on a Business Plan for a boat hire operation to capitalise on this interest. Led by Peter Manley, that is expected to be completed shortly and to result in a well-found management structure to conduct this work. Boat hire available to members is expected to be the primary means of further increasing the Club's membership.

Infrastructure and Facilities

Frequent consultation has been maintained with the CSCC in development of the existing facilities. Though progress in construction has been slower than your patient Committee would have liked, I expect members to see substantial gains by the commencement of the Summer Season. Recent painting of the building and toilets, extension of the undercover boat storage and the Sailing School area, clearer identity of the CYC with additional signage and refurbishment of the race control tower will be complemented with an additional fifty external boat parking spaces.

Your Committee has also been exploring with the CSSC additional tie-up facilities and a crane by the public jetty. Some work has been done to identify the CYC's needs that might be considered in any up-grade of the present building and also to map out a follow-on program to the present Capital Purchase Program. This will need to be finalised by the incoming Committee.

The present state of the building and its facilities is substantially much improved than it was two years ago. I anticipate further improvements in the coming season and years. This, of course, presents a serious challenge to the CYC to match the CSCC in the professionalism and our management of sailing from the site. If the relationship is to remain a strong one, it must be upon the basis of equals in a common endeavour.

Thoughts from the experience

It has been found by many sporting clubs Australia-wide, that strong development in the quality and range of services to members has only been possible by increasing reliance upon paid staff, both full and part time. This is a function of changing life styles. It is a trend that is unlikely to be reversed. Management and support of those staff has placed demands on the members of your Committee.
The ability of the Committee to handle development in the Club's complexity and workload has been made possible by adopting a more delegated and collegiate management structure. However, even with this, there are limits to what busy people of the calibre needed to run our Club can donate to the task. Within the next couple of years the Club will need to consider seriously the appointment of a general manager responsible for running

the Club's services under the direction of the Committee.

The objectives we set ourselves in the Business Plan a year ago which seemed daunting then, even unrealistic, can now be seen to be obtainable. This results in large measure from the backing of the CSCC. The momentum we have been able to develop with their financial backing could never have been achieved on our own. In recent discussions, the CSCC has undertaken to continue substantial financial support of the CYC. This reflects the CSCC's assessment that the Club is well managed and is capable of keeping pace with the CSCC's development of the Lotus Bay site as a whole. Members can take confidence from this assessment by the CSCC, but there is no room for complacency. The CYC must continue to be managed at the highest level of ability. Moreover, members of the CYC need to reinforce the present relationship by their membership of the CSCC and use of its services, both at Lotus Bay and elsewhere.

It is important that we rejuvenate small boat and catamaran sailing from the CYC. The new boats being acquired by the Sailing School will be a useful basis for this, but the task needs wider commitment from members. This needs greater leadership from younger members of the Club and it is pleasing to see this developing. We need to regain our family orientation. We also need to make the most of the interest in sailing that has come from the Club's heightened profile in the community and from the wide membership base of the CSCC. This needs a renewed commitment from all members to welcoming new members. It also needs a stronger commitment by all members to make it possible for new members (especially graduates of the Sailing School) to find crewing positions and get a regular sail. Being reputed as a friendly and welcoming club will be the most effective means of growth that we could ever have.

Finally

Although it could truly be said that serving as Commodore of the CYC is no sinecure, I have been strengthened in my resolve to keep going over the last two years by a dedicated core of Committee members willing to commit an untold number of hours to further the cause of sailing and the enjoyment of sailing by our membership. If the 1999-2000 sailing season is as enjoyable and productive as 1998-1999, we will have a sailing club that will be one of the best and most active in Australia.

Thank you.

Robert Redfern
Commodore
1 August 1999

AUDIT REPORT

1999

TO THE MEMBERS OF

ACT SAILING INCORPORATED

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To the Members
ACT SAILING INCORPORATED
Independent Auditor's Report
for the year ended 30 June 1999

Scope

We have audited the financial report of ACT Sailing Incorporated for the year ended 30 June 1999, as set out on the following pages. The Committee of the Club is responsible for the presentation of the accounts and the information contained therein. We have conducted an independent audit of the accounts in order to express an opinion on them to the Members of the Club.

Our audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards to provide a reasonable level of assurance as to whether the accounts are free of material misstatements. Our procedures included examination on a test basis of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the accounts, and the evaluation of accounting policies and significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion as to whether, in all material respects, the accounts are presented fairly in accordance with Australian Accounting concepts and standards and statutory requirements so as to present a view of the Club which is consistent with our understanding of its Financial position and the results of its operations.

The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

Audit Opinion

In our opinion, the financial report presents a true and fair view of the financial position of ACT Sailing Incorporated as at 30th June, 1999, and the results of its operations for the period then ended, in accordance with the Australian Accounting Standards and to comply with the provisions of the Associations Incorporations ACT, 1991 of the Australian Capital Territory.

Peter Womack
DAWSON & WOMACK
Chartered Accountants

Canberra

Dated: 31 July 1999

ACT SAILING INCORPORATED

BALANCE SHEET

as at 30 June 1999

	Notes	1999 $	1998 $
Members Capital & Reserves			
Opening Balance		23,043	0
Profit for Year		9,335	23,043
Closing Balance		**32,378**	**23,043**
Represented by:			
Current Assets			
Colonial State Bank	2	26,345	36,088
Petty Cash		570	570
Prepayments		1,427	0
Total Current Assets		28,342	36,658
Non Current Assets			
Equipment at Cost		6,462	522
Less Accumulated Depreciation		716	176
Total Non Current Assets		5,746	346
Total Assets		34,088	37,004
Current Liabilities			
General		1,710	13,961
Total Liabilities		1,710	13,961
Net Assets		**32,378**	**23,043**

ACT SAILING INCORPORATED

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENTS

for the year ended 30th June 1999

		1999	1998
RACING			
	Income		
	Race Entry fees	12,071	16,970
	Championship fees	1,825	0
	Catering	3,410	0
	Total Income	17,306	16,970
	Expenditure		
	Advertising & Promotion	243	339
	General	832	8,619
	Catering	4,215	0
	Trophies & Prizes	8,659	0
	Management	300	0
	Total	14,249	8,958
	NET RACING	**3,057**	**8,012**
TRAINING			
	Income		
	Fees	25,173	32,334
	Expenditure		
	Advertising & Promotion	2,317	1,893
	General	1,687	4,736
	Hire Charges		3,160
	Operations	35	40
	Repairs & Maintenance	571	1,040
	Salaries	17,691	7,363
	Superannuation	1,214	0
	Staff Training	1,800	0
	Volunteers	2,535	2,615
	Telephone & Fax	1,009	
	Total	28,859	20,847
	NET TRAINING	**(3,686)**	**11,487**

ACT SAILING INCORPORATED

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENTS (CONT)

for the year ended 30th June 1999

	1999	1998
OPERATIONS		
Income		
Boat Storage	27,089	22,110
Members subscription	10,397	7,522
Grants & Sponsorship	1,130	196
Club Insignia	80	116
Room Hire	3,060	94
General Operations	780	4,960
Total	42,536	34,998
Expenditure		
Fuel & Oil	716	1,314
Repairs & Maintenance	2,573	7,381
Contract Labour	3,950	3,782
Sundry	0	1,486
Total	7,239	13,963
NET OPERATIONS	**35,297**	**21,035**
GENERAL		
Income		
Capital receipts	9,405	0
Interest	134	96
Total	9,539	96
Expenses		
Advertising	2,250	130
Asset write off	346	0
Audit & Accounting	960	437
Bank fees	344	166
Boat Storage Expense	1,111	2,100
Capital Payments	9,405	0
Club Insignia	961	200
Contract Labour	8,307	8,013
Depreciation	716	176
Flag Officers Expenses	1,560	68
Insurance	2,633	4,140
PC & Office	300	0
Postage	1,427	252
Printing & Stationery	2,200	461

ACT SAILING INCORPORATED

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENTS (CONT)

for the year ended 30th June 1999

	1999	1998
General Expenses (cont)		
Staff Amenities	380	6
Subscriptions	86	0
Telephone	1,886	1,438
Total	34,872	17,587
NET GENERAL	**(25,333)**	**(17,491)**
TOTAL ALL OPERATIONS		
Racing	3,057	8,012
Training	(3,686)	11,487
Operations	35,297	21,035
General	(25,333)	(17,491)
TOTAL ALL CENTRES	**9,335**	**23,043**

ACT SAILING INCORPORATED

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE ACCOUNTS

for the year ended 30th June 1999

Note 1 **STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The club operates as a social and sporting club in Yarralumla A.C.T. The accounting policies adopted by the club in its accounts are in accordance with the accounting standards issued by the Australian Accounting bodies and generally accepted accounting principles.
Unless otherwise noted, these policies are consistent with prior years.
This year, the classification and presentation of cost centres has been altered.

a) **Historical Cost Accounting**

The accounts have been prepared under the Historical Cost Convention and except where stated, have not been adjusted to take into account changing values

b) **Depreciation**

Depreciation is provided on all non-current assets so as to write them off over their expected useful lives Non current assets are reviewed annually and unserviceable or obsolete assets are written off.

Note 2 **INCOME TAX**

The Income Tax Assessment Act, 1936 (amended) provides that under the concept of mutuality clubs are only assessed for income tax on the proportion of income derived from non-members. In view of the above it is not considered appropriate to compare income tax expense with the operating result as disclosed in the Income & Expenditure Statement. No income tax is payable

ACT SAILING INCORPORATED

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE ACCOUNTS

for the year ended 30th June 1999

		1999	1998
Note 3	**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**		
	Cash Flows from operating activities		
	Receipts from patrons	84,881	102,118
	Payments to suppliers & employees	88,642	65,034
	Interest Received	134	96
	Net Cash Flow from Operating Activities	(3,627)	37,180
	Cash Flows from Investing Activities		
	Net Cash Flow from Investing Activities		
	Payment for Plant	5,940	522
	Net Increase (decrease) in cash held	**(9,567)**	**36,658**
	Cash at Beginning of Year	36,658	0
	Cash at end of the year	**27,091**	**36,658**
	NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS		
	a) Reconciliation of Cash		
	Cash on Hand	26,345	36,088
	Petty Cash	570	570
	Total Cash	**26,915**	**36,658**
	b) Reconciliation of Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities to Operating Loss		
	Operating Profit	9,335	23,043
	Depreciation	716	176
	Changes in Assets and Liabilities		
	Increase in Current Liabilities	(12,251)	13,961
	Decrease in Current Assets	(1,427)	0
	Cash Flow from Operations	**(3,627)**	**37,180**

ACT SAILING INCORPORATED
Statement by Management Committee

In accordance with the Associations Incorporations Act 1991, the management Committee of ACT Sailing Incorporated state the following in regard to the year ended 30 June 1999.

A The names of the management Committee members during the financial year were:

Robert Redfern	Julie Barnes	Carol Wylde-Brown
Neil Primrose	Ian Smith	Trevor Hippisley
Robert Bain	Ken Betts	

No Management Committee member received either directly any fees, salaries or any other payments with the exception of Neil Primrose and Robert Redfern who received expense allowance payments of $400 and $600 respectively.

B The principal activity of the Club during the financial period was the promotion of sailing activities and facilities

During the year there was no change in the principal activity.

C The result of the Club's operations for the year was a profit of $9,335.

D The attached profit and loss account gives a true and fair view of the Club's profit for the year ended 30 June 1999.

E The attached balance sheet gives a true and fair view of the Club's state of affairs as at 30 June 1999 and

F There are when this statement is made, reasonable grounds to believe that the Club will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Committee

R B Redfern ..... Ian Smith .....

Dated 9 August ....., 1999

Sailing News

September 1999

Canberra Yacht Club

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Spring Boat Show

Spring is here and so is the boat show at the Canberra Yacht Club.

Come down to the club on Saturday September 11 for the **Try and Buy Boat show.** It's on from 11am to 4pm.

The event is to help celebrate the club's 40th anniversary and to encourage more people to join and go sailing.

Tell your friends and any would-be sailors to come along to see displays by various classes. Hopefully they will be encouraged to get out on the water.

The boat show will be an excellent way to kick off the new season in style. The first race is on September 19 and already the club is alive with members preparing boats, especially those that were not sailed during winter.

The open day will also be a great opportunity to show off the club's excellent facilities and wide range of training and other programs.

The club is asking owners of unused boats to use them, or sell them to those who will. The boat market is a new venture for our club. Its success will depend largely on our experienced members being there on the day to explain rigging and safety aspects and encourage prospective members to take up special membership offers. There will be a fee of $10 to park 'for-sale' boats at the venue.

There will be a display and demonstrations of the Sailing School's Toppers, Lasers and Corsairs. Most, if not all of the new 29ers and at least two of the Flying 11s, which are being purchased under the Southern Cross Capital Purchase Plan, will be on display.

Class associations are showing considerable interest in mounting displays. Space bookings should be made as soon as possible. Contact coordinators David Townsend on 6247 6427 or Bob Townsend on 6247 8156

Other organisations invited to take part include Dragon Boats, Canberra sailing suppliers and Sailability.

More volunteers are needed to help on the day and there is still room for classes to display their boats if they act quickly.

That evening, the 40th birthday dinner dance will be held at the club. The cost is $40 per person and payments must be received at the club office by this Friday, September 3.

Lotus Bay Launching Ramp

It would be greatly appreciated by all users of the Lotus Bay Launching Ramp & jetty to please use common sense and courtesy when using these facilities. Due to the increase in the number of craft using these facilities please rig your boats before launching. This will allow speedier launching or retrieving of boats.

The Jetty or Ramps are not to be used as a rigging area.

AGM
1999 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

At the AGM club members acknowledged the substantial progress that had been made in growing the club's activities and services over the previous year and the solid financial performance that was part of it.

A new committee was elected. It contains an extremely strong blend of

managerial ability and sailing experience. As it starts its work, it will be giving particular attention to the survey of members.

The new committee has taken on the challenge of doubling the membership by the next AGM.

The major goals of the committee will be:

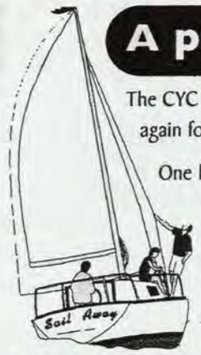
- ✦ continuing to improve the quality of our race management;
- ✦ strengthening social activities;
- ✦ opening up access to sailing as a recreational activity for young professionals and families; and
- ✦ developing the Youth Sail Academy within the overall work of the sailing school.

The new committee is: Commodore, Robert Redfern, Vice-Commodore Neil

Primrose, Director corporate services, Erik Adriaanse, Director members' services, Peter Dalton, Director promotion and marketing, Robert Bain, Director public relations, Robert Saunders, Director racing, Robert Marsh and Director recreation sailing, David Townsend.

Neil Primrose

A prize for Canberra sailors



The CYC is very pleased to have Queensland Yacht Charters as the sponsor again for our summer sailing season.

One lucky member and friends will be going to the Whitsundays for a five-night stay on a yacht. There you will be met by Suzette and Adrian Pelt who operate 24 bareboats, yachts and motorboats and one luxury crewed yacht for three couples.

Our prize winner will be very popular with the three friends or relatives he or she takes to the Whitsundays. All you need to really experience the full magic of the Whitsundays is a sense of adventure, a love of nature and the desire to drop out of the rat race for a week or two.

Winters in North Queensland are said by many to be the perfect climate, warm by day and cold by night. Suzette says you can expect temperatures of 23 to 25 during winter days, ideal for snorkelling and swimming. There are 74 islands to explore, all of them national parks, which have beautiful coral fringed beaches, bays and inlets.

To be in the running for the prize, just compete in 10 races in the summer pointscore series. Last season's winner was laser sailor, John Tracey.

Just in case you don't win, and the warm north sounds tempting, Suzette is now offering a special 10 per cent discount to CYC members. And she has a hint: Australia is heading for a bumper time with inbound tourism next year, the America's Cup in New Zealand, the Olympics and dozens of conferences, so bookings are filling steadily. The international tourists are likely to organise their trips a long way ahead, so if you're thinking of going in the school holidays, remember that a lot of others are doing the same.

Recreational
Sailing Program

This year there will be events held in conjunction with the CYC/CCYA on Saturday afternoon for those who enjoy Social Sailing. These events will be included in your combined Racing program. Fuller details will be provided as the events arise. It is great news to hear that the Sailor's Cabin will be in use again for after Race Presentations and any Social Functions. Happy Sailing

Ken Betts

Website Update

The CYC Website is being updated to include the free 1999/2000 sailing program and the latest contact list for both the CYC and the CCYA.

If there are program changes or new events they will be posted on the site.

Race results will be posted on the site every week. If you submit a query through the website, it is automatically e-mailed to the CYC office.

Please use HYPERLINK 'http://www.act-sailing.asn.au/' www.act-sailing.asn.au to find out what is happening and who to contact.

Do you
want to race ?

All sailors who wish to partake in races conducted by the CYC for the 1999-2000 season will need to be, and be able to show evidence of being:

- ✦ A financial member of an AYF affiliated sailing club;
- ✦ A current financial member of the AYF;

Race fees for all CYC Championship and Pointscore events will be $10 - which **MUST** be paid prior to the race. No dough, no go.

If you have not paid your CYC and AYF membership please do so ASAP or make sure you have your cheque book with you for the first race.

Those members who have paid a years race entry in advance must be able to show, on demand at sign-on, evidence that these fees have been paid.

Bob March, Director Racing

NEW COMMITTEE

Commodore
Robert Redfern
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Vice-Commodore
Neil Primrose
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Director Corporate Services
Erik Adriaanse
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Director Member Services
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Director Promotion & Marketing
Robert Bain
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Director Public Relations
Robert Saunders
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Director Racing
Robert Marsh
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Director Recreational Sailing
David Townsend
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The CYC thanks
Derek Kelly ...

for the complimentary printing of the newsletter.

Contact Derek on 6254 1226 for large and small printing jobs.

Reserve these Dates!

Saturday, 11 September
Boat Show and Trading Day
Promote your class. Get unused boats out of garages around Canberra and flog them to owners that want to use them. (Duty - all classes)
Contact David Townsend 6247 6427 or email HYPERLINK mail to: townjd@dynamite.com.au
40th Anniversary Dinner Dance at the Southern Cross Yacht Club.
A chance to celebrate the achievements of the past four decades and look forward to the new millennium.

Sunday, 19 September at 2 pm
Summer series, pointscore 1 and CCYA 1 (Duty - Flying 15s)

Sunday 26 September at 2 pm
Pointscore 2 and 3, short course (Duty - Flying 15s)

Saturday & Sunday, 2 &3 October
TYA traveller series Port Stephens

Sunday, 3 October at 2 pm
Pointscore 4 and CCYA 2 (Duty - Flying 15s)

Sunday, 10 October at 2 pm
Pointscore 5 and Championship 1 (Duty - Flying 15s)

Saturday, 16 October
CCYA Recreational Sailing, lady skipper

Sunday, 17 October at 2 pm
Pointscore 6 and CCYA 3 (Duty - lasers)

Sunday, 24 October at 2 pm
Championship 1 Flying 15s, Championship 2 Medium trailable yachts, Pointscore 7 (Duty - Catamarans)

Saturday & Sunday, 30-31 October
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40TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER

Entrée

Seared Tuna Steaks on a bed of Lettuce, with Balsamic and Olive Oil

Or

Pasta Alfredo in a Bacon, Onion, Garlic, Mushroom & White Wine Cream Sauce

Main Course

Boneless Chicken Breast wrapped in Filo Pastry with Mango and Brie

Or

Roast Sirloin of Beef encrusted with Mustard and Pepper served with a Brandy Jus

Dessert

Pecan Pie served with Coffee Anglaise

Or

Blueberry Bread & Butter Pudding served with Strawberry Coulis and Fresh Cream

Tea & Coffee

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Racing News

Bob Marsh

We are now several weeks into the season and are hopefully beginning to get things sorted our from a race management and equipment perspective. Thanks to the Flying Fifteens (duty class for the first four weeks) for doing a professional job in race management and for the very high standards set in providing the welcoming social side of sailing with their wonderful food both before and after racing – a challenge for the rest of the duty classes.

My personal thanks to the Flying Fifteens for their constructive comments on ways to improve some aspects of race management and I will be endeavouring to implement as many as possible.

This season there has been a move from "Yacht Master" to "Top Yacht" for race results. Unfortunately this has not been without the usual hiccups experienced in moving to a new system, so bear with us.

Week 1 (Pointscore 1) The season got off to a good start with 25 boats for the first race. The Flying Fifteen duty class set good sailing courses by making the most of the opportunities offered with on-water starts.

Week 2 (Pointscore 2 & 3) Back to back races were an example of well-set courses with the finishing times of all divisions very close.

Week 3 (Pointscore 4) The weather resulted in very few starters with only those with webbed feet or doubtful sanity (dinghy sailors excluded – they get wet every week) braving the elements.

Week 4 (Pointscore 5 & Championship 1) A large fleet competing in conditions which required a number of trailables to start with reefed mainsails. Conditions became lighter as the race progressed. For a change, conditions suited the Cats.

Sailing School News

Sean O'Regan is already running the first adult learn to sail course, which began on October 12. The nine keen students in the course will graduate October 22. An intermediate racing course for previous sailing school graduates begins on November 9

Boat Show

Boat Show

David Townsend

Canberra Yacht Club's first **Try and Buy Boat Show** proved to be a great success, helping to book out school holiday sailing courses and encouraging new membership enrolments.



Chief Minister Kate Carnell inspects the club's boats with Sailing School director, Sean O'Regan.



A sample of the future: the first of the club's 29er fleet ready to go.

More than 500 people are estimated to have visited the club grounds during the show, which was held on Saturday, September 11, a beautiful Canberra spring day. Less than three hours after the show opened, all places in the school holiday courses had been taken up and there were more than 12 bookings for adult learn-to-sail courses.

At least six second-hand boats were sold during the day (mostly by and to members) and others were under negotiation, and a lot of would-be and lapsed sailors took away membership application forms.

Club Boats available for use by Members

Sailing School director Sean O'Regan has announced arrangements for **"Applied Skills Short Courses"** within the Sailing School. These courses package a short period of individual tuition and use of the club's boats by members.

Following the pattern of modern vocational education in the leisure industries, the school is offering a package of half-hour on-shore tuition and three hours on the water in the club's boats. Fees are set on a boat by boat basis. Students may elect to take a course over one session or over a series of up to four sessions over consecutive weekends. The courses proceed to AYF accreditation via the Small Boat Sailing Logbook syllabus.

There are two skills streams for members to choose from – the racing stream and the recreational sailing stream.

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A family or group of friends may decide to take these courses together. The racing skills sessions incorporate competing in the CYC Pointscore series on Sunday afternoons, Twilight series on Wednesday nights, or YMCA SC Pointscore on Saturday afternoons.

The recreational sailing skills sessions will be available on a pre-booked ba[illegible] on weekday afternoons from Wednesday to Fridays and throughout the weekends.

Sean is particularly keen to run another professional women's group in the Toppers to compete in the Twilight Series again this year. Some members might be interested in putting a team together from their office or from a group of friends.

AYF membership and racing fees are included in the course fees.

Inquires to Tom Ayrton on:

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boosts interest in Club

Visitors were able to appreciate the wide range of club activities that suit all ages, budgets and sailing interests.

A highlight was the official launching by Chief Minister Kate Carnell of the club's new 29ers and Flying 11s. Mrs Carnell praised the club's initiative in holding the show. She said the club had made a valued contribution over many years to Canberra's sporting and recreational activities and to the city's diversity.

"It is a justly renowned social and sporting venue on what must be one of the choicest sites for a sailing club anywhere in the world," the Chief Minister said.

"[illegible]y's Try and Buy Boat Show is a new venture for the club and starts a planned campaign to encourage more adults and young people to become involved in sailing."



The Sailing School booking centre was kept busy all day with inquiries and enrolments. Wendy Parish, right, outlines the opportunities.

She noted that the 29ers and the Flying 11s would play a key role in the club's expanded training program, through the Sailing School and that they were bought under the capital purchase program provided by the Canberra Southern Cross Club. "The Boat Show is a great way to encourage more Canberra people to find out what sailing has to offer and the big range of activities your club provides," she said.

Mrs Carnell said the CYC and Southern Cross were a great team, working for the extension of a fine sporting and recreational activity to suit wide interests and budgets.

Most classes took the opportunity to show their wares. They included catamarans, Lasers, Careel 18s, Flying Fifteens,



Many show visitors enjoyed joyrides on club trailable yachts.

Contenders and 29ers. A display that attracted a lot of attention was the Gems. On show were a boat rigged for cruising, one for racing and one in the water, which took many interested people out for rides. Gem owner Trevor Hippisley said: "If we had had boats available, we could have sold three on the stop. We certainly generated a lot of interest."

Club Director, Recreational Sailing, David Townsend, who was Boat Show coordinator, said the event achieved its aim of promoting the Sailing School and demonstrating the wide range of sailing activities available. He thanked the many members who had contributed time, energy and ideas and said the executive would consider a similar even next year. "In the meantime, ideas for another bright and interesting show are very welcome," he said.



Vice Commodore Neil Primrose, left, shows the Chief Minister one of the club's new Flying 11s, with Sean O'Regan.

Volunteering for the Olympics

SYDNEY 2000

Ross Wylde-Browne

Seven members from the Canberra Yacht Club have been accepted as Olympic volunteers and recently participated in the 1999 Sydney Harbour Regatta, the final sailing test event for the Olympics.

Peter Manley was working on one of the mark boats, John Whitfield was on a jury boat, Wendy Moline was working in the public relations area, and Laurie McDonald, Chas Powell, Carol and myself were working in the results area. Laurie also put in three solid days in the measurement tent for the Mistral sailboards prior to the commencement of racing.



For most of the results team this was the first time they had been involved in an Olympic class regatta as TAFE students had been used in 1998. Although they had the required computer skills, it was felt after that regatta that in addition it was desirable to also have a good sailing/race control knowledge, and the benefits of this were proven when last year's record of having the results distributed within six minutes was beaten on the second day of competition.

The sailing results section is the biggest of any Olympic sport by a factor of at least two, and has about 25 volunteers working along side the employed IBM staff, IBM being a major sponsor supplying all the information technology services for the Olympics. The sailing software was developed by IBM in Spain and the development team was in Sydney for this regatta, so there was quite a cosmopolitan atmosphere in the results area with French and German emanating from the Swiss timing area, Spanish from the software team, and English overall.

The aim of the results section is to take mark rounding and finish times for every boat, and considering there were six courses - four on the harbour and two outside the heads - with up to five courses with one or two fleets on each running simultaneously, it is easy to see that this is no mean feat. The results area has four computers for each course, a total of 20, with each fleet having a primary and secondary computer running on separate duplicated systems. The systems run on non-interruptible power supplies so will continue to operate in the event of a power failure. There are also a number of additional computers on each system for quality control and print distribution.

Each course also has a radio operator with a dedicated results channel, so with two fleets on a course there would be a radio operator and one or two people on each pair of computers depending on fleet size. Swiss Timing supplied a Manual Timing System (MTS) which consisted of a unit on each boat, start, finish, and all mark boats, up to seven on a course. The start boat MTS unit supplied the countdown with a large electronic display board on the boat giving the course and direction to the first mark. On each of the mark boats a plunger recorded the time as each boat rounded, and the operator would then enter the appropriate code for each country against the time, with up to two fleets able to be taken, and this was then transmitted via a Telstra supplied channel to Swiss Timing and from there to the appropriate computers for that fleet. DNC, OCS, DNF, and any protests were recorded by radio and entered into the computers together with windspeed and direction for each mark.

This made the results process fairly straight forward, however if anything went wrong we were expected to take the times manually over the radio, and that was when things would really hot up, literally -- in one case the operator on one of the mark boats reported sparks were coming out of his MTS unit!

Swiss Timing were also trialing a Differential GPS (DGPS) system on this regatta with some of the fleets, DGPS units being placed on each boat and each mark. The information from this could give a position accuracy of about a meter for each boat, and although the primary purpose of this system is to give graphical video feeds for TV, it can also can be used for supplying the results information, although not as accurately as the MTS. The Swiss Timing graphics system is very impressive, with displays of all the different boats, even showing spinnakers being hoisted downwind, and able to display the course in detail from any angle showing start lines and direction lines to the next mark. This system was used mainly on the Soling and Star keel boats, but was also tried on the Tornado catamarans outside the heads where one unit ended up on the ocean floor and resulted in a protest claiming the boat was advantaged by not having to carry the DGPS unit for the rest of the race! It was also trialed on the 49er fleet, the glamour fleet of the regatta, on the final day of racing, with very effective results.

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Being all sailors, the results team ended up a very bonded unit. Although it was pretty tiring having nine days straight, everybody found it a very rewarding experience. SOCOG felt the sailing was the best run event of this series of Olympic test events, and were only concerned that everyone did not become complacent. The results team is planning a number of gatherings between now and the Olympics, even considering making a web page, and all are looking forward to making the sailing for this Olympics the best ever.

External Boat Parking

By the time this newsletter gets to you, we hope work will have started on the extension to the trailable boat park. This will provide the club with another 50 parking slots for trailable yachts, catamarans and the overflow of Flying Fifteens.

Spaces will be allocated to people on the waiting list first and then to other applicants in order of applications received. Once the initial take-up is known, the boat storage committee will allocate individual parking spaces across both the trailable boat parking areas, according to the club's boat parking policy. This will entail some trailable yachts in the existing area being moved to new slots.

A copy of the club's boat parking policy is on the bookshelf in the Sailors' Cabin for members to read. Members who wish to park their boats at the club should be familiar with the provisions of that policy and its requirements of them. Members should pay particular attention to their insurance and public liability responsibilities.

Inquires and applications may be made to the Office Manager, phone/fax 6273 7177; or Steve Langlands, phone 6288 0110 (h) or 6279 5743 (w).

Once the extension is completed and slots allocated, the government authorities responsible for the foreshore will lift the accommodation they have extended to the sailing community over recent months and any boats remaining on Commonwealth land will be dealt with according to due process. Members who have boats parked on Commonwealth land, or who know people who do, might like to pass the message on.

Dalton's Adventure Sailing School

Dalton's Adventure Sailing School will be running several courses this year. For more details call Teki Dalton on 6273 4040.

Shore based courses will be held in Canberra on Thursday evenings commencing at 6pm. Practical sessions (with some exceptions) will be sailed from Sydney on the 40' ocean racing yacht Nadia IV. Enrolment forms are available from the office of the Canberra Yacht Club or from Teki Dalton.

Course dates for 1999:

Seamanship and safety, incorporating powerboat handling course and small craft safety certificate (course 3 & 12) five weeks commencing November 4.

Competent crew/inshore sailing (course 2) December 4/5

Marine safety and survival (course 15) Canberra, November 6.

Twilight Series



The twilight series commences on Wednesday November 3. The success of the series is dependent on volunteers to run the race each Wednesday night. We are still short of a couple of volunteers and urgently require someone who can be at the club early enough (5pm) to set the course each twilight race.

If anyone is willing to help out on a regular basis in the series, please contact Bob Marsh on 6216 5574 (w), 6288 0025 (h) or 0414 990025 (m).

Race Results

Pointscore 1

Division 1a	1	Hot Gossip	Paul Fitzwarrnye
	2	Warringa	Rob Bain
	3	Trilobile	Peter Worthington
Division 1b	1	Pania	Ken Betts
Division 2	1	Expression of Dentistry	Wendy Parish
Division 4	1	Not My Fault	Nick Gellie
	2	Sailor of Fortune	Nick Whyatt
	3	Back Chat	Stuart Allan
Division 6	1	Hobie 17	Bob Watkin
	2	Bullet Proof	Mick Dunn
	3	The Beast	Brett Freestone

Pointscore 2

Division 1a	1	Tinkerbell	W Sillisk
	2	2.4	P Thompson
	3	2.4	M Leydon
Division 1b	1	Leumas	R Marsh
Division 2	1	Don't Ask	P Barry
Division 4	1	Dynamite	A Smith
	2	Back Chat	S Allan
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Pointscore 3

Division 1a	1	2.4	P Thompson
	2	2.4	M Leydon
Division 1b	1	Gypsy Blue	L Lee
Division 2	1	Don't Ask	P Barry
Division 4	1	Sailor of Fortune	N Whyatt
	2	Back Chat	S Allan
Division 6	1	Fully Blown	M Cook

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Twilight 2

Saturday & Sunday November 13-14
ACT Dinghy titles

Saturday November 13
CCYA night race

Wednesday November 17
Twilight 3

Saturday & Sunday November 20-21
TYA traveller series Lake Illawarra

Saturday November 20
CCYA around the lake rally

Sunday November 21
Pointscore 10 (Duty- Dinghies)

Wednesday November 24
Twilight 4

Saturday November 27
CCYA Lake Burley Griffin cruise

Sunday November 28
Championship 3 for Lasers, pointscore 11 (Duty - large trailable yachts)

Wedneday December 1
Twilight 5



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Racing News

Bob Marsh The season is moving on quickly and the Christmas break approaches. The last race before Christmas is Pointscore 14 on December 19th, with racingresuming with Pointscore 15 on January 16.Fleet Sizes:

Pointscore fleets have been good with an average of 34 starters for races four to nine. Championship fleets are also high with an average of 32 starters per race. But we would like to see more on the water, particularly 18 starters.ACT Dinghy Championships, November 13-14:

Well, what a surprise for everyone; competitors, spectators and officials.WIND, WIND, and more WIND. This would be one of the more unusual occasions where there has been consistent strong wind in Canberra during a State Championship series. The only problem was the wind speed – too much for a large number of the competitors. The Race Support Unit (Rescue Boats) were kept very busy, particularly during the first race on Saturday morning where there were a number of junior sailors trying to master the conditions. A special thank you from all involved to Paul Fitzwarryne as PRO for a professionally organised and executed championship.

CCYA:

On the evening of Saturday November 13 the CCYA conducted their annual night race. There was a disappointing turn out with only seven starters, perhaps concerned by the conditions during the day. What they missed was some delightful sailing conditions with a rare light consistent breeze.

Twilight Series:

The twilight series is now under way and fortunately we have a regular PRO to manage the races. Volunteer assistance is still required each Wednesday night to make sure we continue to get these races under way. So if you are not racing please make yourself available to help those who are willing to make commitments in the interests of sailing.

Coming events:

December 4-5: For the travellers, Lake Jindabyne sailing regatta. If you are planing to go to Jindabyne you should confirm the format of the weekend as this information is unofficial.

Canberra 11-12: TYA of NSW & ACT Regatta.

Parking Spaces

There are currently 12 yacht parking spaces available for sailing members. The new boat parking area is almost completed and almost fully booked. Rates are $200 per year. Applications to the office.

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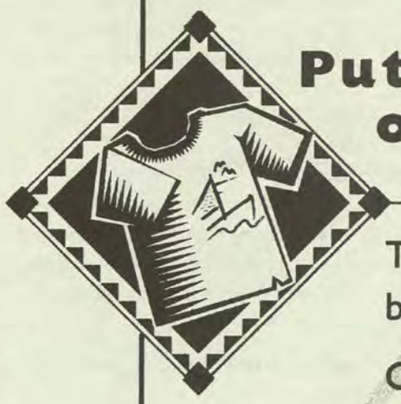
Trailer Sailer meeting

Ross Wylde-Browne A well-attended meeting of Trailer Sailer members was held this month at CYC at which a number of matters of interest were discussed. The divisional representatives for Ia and Ib, Ross Wylde-Browne and Chris Kenyon respectively, were re-elected for this season. They are the (divisional) representatives for the sailing user group meetings on the first Monday of each month. It was proposed a contact list be established and, with the majority of people now with e-mail access it was decided this would be the preferred contact method. A list was started at the meeting with people's names, boat name, phone and fax numbers, e-mail address, and information as to their interests (ie Ia, Ib, recreational sailing, and whether they were interested in boat parking at CYC). If those not at the meeting wish to be added to the list please contact Ross Wylde-Browne <Ross@Caros.com.au> or Chris Kenyon <chrisk@pcug.org.au>.

With the imminent commissioning of the new boat park it was also felt this meeting provided an opportunity to discuss any related issues. Steve Langlands has produced a proposed parking arrangement for the area and this was available for perusal, and is to remain on display in the Sailors' Cabin.



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100 Miles of Magic

Jack Hewson I had the dream and as I stood at the launching ramp at Mackay, it was wet and windy and it seemed impossible, I could not leave the car here for two weeks without a disaster.

At Port Douglas I met the Sonata group who had completed the trip and the dream became possible.

I do not intend to describe what you will see, this is well covered, but how to do it.

At the information booth on the highway in Mackay, get the pamphlet Fishing in Mackay for tides and ramps and Bowen for information on the end of the trip. You also need two charts 824 and 825, and the Book "100 Magic Miles". This book gives all the good info on anchorages and islands and the Queensland tide book is also full of information.

There is a small boat club at Seaforth, about 20km north of Mackay, on Victor creek, and it has a lockup yard. It costs $20 to join the club and you have the security . Their ramp is very good - we are talking of three metre tides. The channel is well marked leading out to some small islands that protect the creek. This is the start of the Whitsundays, the first magic is a good 20 miles to sea - yep wind abeam and a lovely sail to get started.

The winds are traditionally SE, but some days more NE, a whisper in the morning to about 20 kts in the afternoon. Apart from the "Fun race" with the WSC - 150 yachts from T/S to maxis, I did not beat to windward on the trip, this stuff just kills a good cruise.

Most of radio communications is on HF and VHF ch16 but I found a mobile phone was more useful to book a marina berth (approx $30 per night). I stayed in Hamilton, Airlie and Bowen and the showers, laundry, water and power were most welcome.

Some things to consider include the coral bottom. It is hard on anchor rope - nuggets of coral may mean anchoring in 4-5m of water at high tide - so you need chain. Condensation problems call for good ventilation and a triangle+square+triangle flywire screen for the forehatch plus one for the mainhatch will keep out the mosquitoes.

Whitsunday and Hook have deep and protected anchorages almost like rivers. The wind tends to "bullet" over the ridges and the current can swing the boat around at night, but it's very safe.

The end of the trip was Bowen, an exhilarating sail from Airlie through the Gloucester passage; again the book was invaluable. At Bowen, home of the NQCYC, I took the 10am bus to Mackay. The tip was to get off at the Leap hotel and the school bus at 3.30 PM will connect to Seaforth. I just hitched a ride to the boat compound and then took the car and trailer back to Bowen.

The drive back took just 2.5 days, looking for places to stop but I just kept the rig going. The Brisbane bypass is excellent and I skirted Sydney at night. So it's all very possible. Do it.

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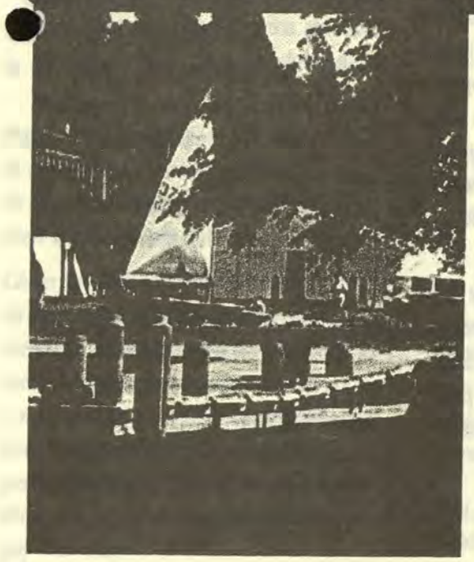

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Inquires to *Tom Avrton* on *6286 1961[h] 0418 447 714[m]*

Club Policy on CYC & AYF

Neil Primrose The Canberra Yacht Club provides wide a range of services to people who want to sail from the Lotus Bay site, including facilities for and management of structured competition, facilities and services for recreational sailing, boat storage facilities, sailing instruction and boat hire.

While the direct costs of all the services and most of the facilities are charged for on a user-pays basis, there are a range of support services the club has to pay for that are not covered in the user charges. These include provision of the common meeting areas of the club; office support for administering the club's finances, processes for meeting members' needs; communication with members; support for the committee and its members; relationship with the AYF and the YA of the ACT; relations with the Canberra Southern Cross Club; relations with the wider community; and general promotion of the club to support its continued development.

Without those support services, the other services noted above would not exist.

These services are enjoyed by people who sail as crews, as well as by boat owners.

Traditional approaches to membership have varied between "sailing clubs" and "yacht clubs". Sailing clubs generally have a structure of low membership subscriptions and expect all participants in the activities run from the club to be members of the club. Yacht clubs generally have a structure of high membership subscriptions, but only require boat owners to be members. The latter usually preserve a measure of exclusivity in access to the club's social facilities.

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The club's Strategy and Business Plan assumes the membership subscription will be low to ensure access is open to all. At the same time, it puts the onus on the club's administration to make its way financially by the quality and relevance of the facilities and services it offers.

For this reason, the club's policy is to keep subscriptions low and place no restrictions on entry to membership. This is also consistent with the policy approach of the Canberra Southern Cross Club.

The concomitant of this for the users of the club's facilities and services is that all those who share in the benefits of the club should also contribute to the cost of providing them.

The same responsibility applies to users of the structured regulation and management of racing provided by the Australian Yachting Federation and the Racing Rules of Sailing, under which the club's racing is conducted.

In recognition of the fluidity of crewing arrangements, the club provides a period of grace for newcomers to the club's sailing activities of three occasions using the services or facilities of the club before membership is required.

Given the highly exploratory nature of the entry-level stage of learning to sail for newcomers to the Sailing School, the club does not require students to join the club prior to undertaking their first course. Graduates are encouraged to join the club to assist them continue in the sport. Returning students are required to be members of the club.

Given the fluid patterns of usage with boat hire and the importance of public patronage of that service, the club provides a period of grace of three hirings from the club before membership is required.

Other exceptions to the general rule of expecting all users of the facilities or services to be members may be granted by the committee, upon recommendation of the Director, Member Services, on the grounds of personal hardship.

Membership

To assist and welcome boat owners from interstate who may be staying for a short period and need storage space for their boat on a strictly short-term basis, exceptions to the membersh requirement may be granted by th Director, Member Services under provisions of the club's Policy and Procedures for Boat Storage.

It is the policy of the club that all people who sail as crews in races run the club shall also be members of the Australian Yachting Federation.

In recognition of the fluidity of crewing arrangements on some boats, the club provides a period of grace for newcomers to the club's racing activities of three races in a season before membership of the Australian Yachting Federation is required.

The club's policy will be enforced at the point of sale of services, such as:

- the point of entry for races,
- the point of enrolment of the Sailing School,
- the point of hiring, and
- the office for application for boat storage.

Proof of membership will be required at each of these points. It will be up to each boatowner to ensure their crew are members.

Given the club's extremely low fee structure, it is in the interests of all members to make sure non-members are not freeloading on their commitment to the club by avoiding becoming members after the grace period. Anyone who is serious about their sailing should be prepared to pay their way

Gym Membership Prizes

The Deakin Health Spa is offering six one-year gym memberships (valued at $575 each) as race prizes. They will go to the winners of the following championship events:

24 October	Flying Fifteens
24 October	Medium Trailable Yachts (1B)
28 November	Lasers
30 January	Dinghies
19 March	Large Trailable Yachts (1A)
26 March	Cattamarans

The prizes will be awarded at the end of the season, although we could probably arrange for an eligible winner to take up his or her membership earlier if requested.

The CYC thanks Derek Kelly . . .

for the complimentary printing of the newsletter.

Contact Derek on 6254 1226 for large and small printing jobs.

Undercover Boat Storage

The undercover boat storage beneath the club has recently undergone renovation in order to improve access to all users and increase storage by 10 spaces. As a result, there are 10 top stroage racks available at $180 per year and seven middle racks at $190 per year. These racks can accommodate boats up to five metres lon g and 1.7 metres wide. Now you can buy that dinghy and have an immediate storage place. For details contact Rick McArdle on 6230 6696.

Race Results

Pointscore 9 - Aggregate Handicap Results

1 Division 1

1	67	Ting 11	I BROKENSHIRE	56.00
2	C65	Hot Gossip	P FITZWARRYNE	67.00
3	11	I-Spyder	D KNIGHTS	125.00
4	116	Stratagem	G GILLETT	142.00
5	54	Huntress	N PRIMROSE	143.00

1B Division 1B

1	C5	Farr Too Easy	C KENYON	71.00
2	1417	Pania	K BETTS	89.00
3	07	Warringa	R BAIN	105.00
4	C7	Just Posh	M GILLINGHAM	107.00
5	6671	Leumas	B MARSH	109.00

2 Division 2

1	211	Neddy Seagoon	D MILLIGAN	44.00
2	231	Don't Ask	P BARRY	70.00
3	N840	Mr Freeze	C ABLETT	75.00
4	205	Expres. in Dent	W PARISH	85.00
5	199	No Name	M FRANCIS	88.00

3 Division 3

1	3100	The Boat Comes	P FORSTER	63.00
2	2759	State of the Ark	P FULLAGAR	82.00
3	2971	Rag Dolly	J KENNEDY	84.00
4	3657	Super Snabb	C BROWN	85.00
5	3311	Lean Enuff	R MORCOM	91.00

4 Division 4

1	151969	Not my Fault	N GELLIE	50.00
2	152869	Cheetah	J TRACEY	59.00
3	150832	Windswept	M LINSLEY	69.00
4	136051	Sailor of Fortune	N WHYATT	76.00
5	143365	Dynamite	A SMITH	82.00

5 Division 5

1	41890	Wednesday	A HOROBIN	21.00

6 Division 6

1	522	The Beast	B FREESTONE	64.00
2	303	Bullet Proof	M DUNN	66.00
3	AUS711	Silk	D RIDING	87.00
4	15934	NSBTF	P MANLEY	96.00
5	166	Fully Blown	M COOK	99.00

Championship Results

Some divisions are yet to complete 3 Championship races. Aggregate club championship results will be published in the next newsletter.

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Reserve these Dates!

Saturday November 27
CCYA Lake Burley Griffin cruise

Sunday November 28
Championship 3 for Lasers, pointscore 11 (Duty - large trailable yachts)

Wednesday December 1
Twilight 5

Saturday & Sunday, December 4-5
CCYA Lake Jindabyne cruise

Sunday December 5
Championship 3, pointscore 12 (Duty - Laser)

Wednesday December 8
Twilight 6

Saturday& Sunday December 11-12
TYA traveller series Canberra

Sunday December 12
Pointscore 13 (Duty - catamarans)

Wednesday December 15
Twilight 7

Sunday December 19
Pointscore 14 (Duty - larger trailable yachts)

Sunday December 26
CCYA Myall Lakes

2000

Sunday January 16
Pointscore 15 (duty medium trailable yachts)

Wednesday January 19
Twilight 8

Saturday & Sunday January 22-23
ACT trailable yacht championships

Sunday January 23
Pointscore 16 (duty dinghies)

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Youth Sailing Academy

The official launch of the Youth Sailing Academy will be held on Saturday, February 12.

Bill Stefaniak, Minister for Education, Sport and Community Services will launch the program at the front lawns of the CYC at noon.

There will static displays and sailing demonstrations and, after brief speeches, a BBQ lunch for invited guests and people interested in development of youth training programs.

The academy is a training program for young men and women, ages 12-21. It aims to develop high levels of both sailing skills and life skills. It will provide a range of opportunities for young people to participate in the sport of sailing, develop leadership qualities and attain formal recognition for their achievements.

This six year comprehensive program is a first for Canberra.

Young people can begin stage 1 at age 12, where they will learn the basics of sailing. Then they can progress through the next five stages, leading to an Australian Sports Commission sports leader award and become an accredited AYF coach Level 1.

Students will have the option to pursue a racing or cruising stream from their third year. Students who choose racing will be expected to compete at state and national level.

> "Young people who complete the course will have qualifications recognised around the world."

The cruising stream will focus more on off shore sailing, and cover coastal navigation, seamanship and large yacht maintenance.

The program will encourage young people to actively pursue an interest and involvement in the administration of their sport. The skills and knowledge they acquire in these areas will provide an invaluable resource to the club and help secure its future.

Young people who complete the course will have qualifications recognised around the world.

For further information contact the sailing school on 62734777.

Youth Sailing Academy

Intermediate & Advanced
Youth Coaching Program

Coaches include:	Sean O'Regan - *Sailing Master, Class Coach & Club Coach* Matthew Owen - *Professional Sailor* Andre Webster - *Elite Yachtsman & Sailmaker*
Yachts available:	29er's; Hobie 16; Flying 11's; Laser's; Topper's or use your own yacht.
Cost:	$260.00 for the entire 13 weeks coaching. Including the use of the yacht for the afternoon CYC pointscore race. Senior members of the Youth Academy will be given the opportunity to compete in The Combined High Schools Regatta at the Belmont 16 Footer Yacht Club, N.S.W & The Grand Prix Regatta, Victoria.
Program:	Sunday mornings 9.00am - 12.00pm
Application Forms:	Outside Sailing School Office in Sailors Bar OR For more information contact Sean O'Regan 0417 295 288

Numbers are limited so ACT FAST!

Intermediate
Dinghy Coaching Day

When:	Saturday 26th February
Time:	10.00am - 4.00pm
Cost:	$15.00 single hander / $20.00 double hander
Coaching Focus:	Correct sail trim, Wind strategy,Hull force-fore / aft / sideways trim Helming technique, Boat handling. Tactics, Race strategy Lunchbreak discussion Recommended sailing/racing/coaching books & current rules books will be available
Coaches:	Sean O'Regan - Sailing Master, Class Coach &Club Coach. Matthew Owen - Professional Sailor.
Application Forms:	Outside Sailing School Office in Sailors Bar
	Three Laser yachts available for charter - additional $ 25.00

Around the Lake Rally

Peter Withington



Carol and Ross Wylde-Browne organised this sailing event with a difference - the first CCYA lake rally - in November last year. Like many car club rallies, this was based on the treasure hunt format.

Firstly, a rally is not a "race". Only five CCYA yachts entered as the Farr fleet had gone away to St Georges Basin and other boats were at a Trailable Yacht Association race. The entries were Lady Bay (Cole 23), Aimes (Castle 650), Vivaldi (Sonata 26), Tekoa (TrailerTri 680) and Trilobite (TrailerTri620).

The rally was from the tower to Yarramundi Reach and return, with the following questions to answer on the way (some of the answers are included):

- What is in Orana Bay? "Including seagulls, waves etc you creative observers."
- How many buildings are there after you leave Orana Bay that are close to the shore? "Don't forget the toilet block, hidden in the bushes."
- How many buoys are on the rowing course? "No, don't count the little floaters, just the bigger ones with flags on top."

As well, each yacht had three questions to answer: How many sailing classes in the 2000 Olympic Games? Name the first three Prime Ministers of Australia, and a special question from Carol's little book.

The sailing was straight up and back in 5-8 knots of breeze but all boats had to start with sails down. Aimes had it all worked out, on the right side of the line, facing the start. Tekoa never got her new main right back up again as the flag dropped, Lady Bay was going the wrong way and Vivaldi had left it too late. A relaxed start would be an understatement, but, that's cruising.

So, who won? Tribolite, of course (reporter bias) on the sailing but Vivaldi has the smartest crew, earning 350 points. There should have been a total age handicap to hold back the smart "elder" sailors. Some of us youngsters don't remember talking to the third Prime Minister of Australia!

A great CCYA really, our thanks to Carol and Ross for organising a challenging, interesting and different event. Tribolite has offered to organise the next one, the great Three Peninsula Rally with a sail/walk format, like the Three Peaks Race. Details to follow.

Race **Results**

Since the commencement of the racing season two copies of the CBH and Yardstick ratings have gone missing from the race results room – one in a blue plastic folder and another in red. This has made the calculation of results somewhat difficult. If anyone knows of the whereabouts of these folders could you please return them to the race results room.

Use of **Hoist**

It appears a number of members are not aware the hoist and associated equipment is the property of the CCYA and not the CYC.
To use the hoist and/or its associated equipment, users are required to sign an indemnity form and pay the appropriate fees to the CCYA. Users must contact Bob Marsh to book the hoist and obtain the indemnity form which must be signed before the hoist is used.
Bob can be contacted on 0414 990025 or 6288 0025 (ah).

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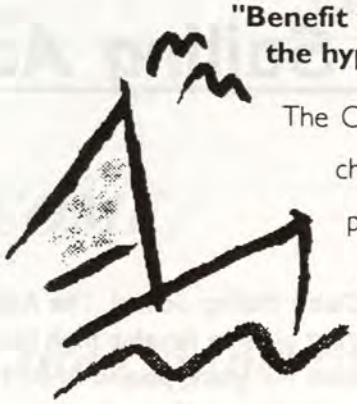

"Benefit from the popularity of sailing in Canberra and the hype of Olympic Yachting".

The Canberra Yacht Club Sailing School had more than 450 children and 200 adults complete its sailing courses in the past year. We are offering you, your company or workplace a unique opportunity to gain exposure to these Canberra people in the form of sponsorship.

Please consider sponsoring our

YOUTH SAILING ACADEMY.

For further information or sponsorship packages please contact Wendy Parish AH: 6287 3100 or BH: 6273 4777 to leave a message.

COACHING STAFF

Profile - Sean O'Regan.

Director Sailing School.

Australian Yachting Federation Accredited Sailing Master, Class & Club Coach.

Sean is an accredited AYF Sailing Master, Class Coach and Club Coach. He has vast coaching experience at all levels of sailing, from beginners to National Champions and is proud to have coached many of our current Australian Olympic Program sailors. His personal sailing prowess has taken him to England and Europe to compete Internationally with some very good results. In addition, he has held many Australian and State dinghy sailing titles.

The finances from your sponsorship will enable The Academy to utilise the skills of additional specialist sailing coaches to meet the needs of the students.

The Canberra Yacht Club Sailing School is a registered Australian Yachting Federation approved training centre and prides itself on the quality teaching and coaching it provides.

Youth Sailing Academy

Canberra Yacht Club
SAILING SCHOOL

The Youth Sailing Academy is an initiative of the Canberra Yacht Club's Sailing School. The Academy is a training program for young men and women between the ages of 12 and 21 that aims to develop high levels of both sailing skills and life skills. The Academy will provide a range of opportunities for young people to participate in the sport of sailing, develop leadership qualities and attain formal recognition for their achievements.
The Youth Sailing Academy seeks to:

- further develop the existing sailing skills of young men and women;
- encourage young people to participate in competitive sailing at National level;
- provide training opportunities in the administration of sport and recreational activities;
- provide an environment that promotes a spirit of teamwork and co-operation;
- foster a willingness amongst young people to serve their sport and the wider community;
- encourage young people to accept responsibility for their own personal development, and
- reward and recognise their achievement.

The course structure incorporates the Australian Yachting Federation (AYF) 'Challenge Achievement and Pathways in Sport' (CAPS) Scheme, various AYF Training Levels, elements taken from the Club's Sailing School and personal development programs provided by organisations from outside.

The Academy is structured around six stages. All students enter at Stage 1 and must be at least 12 years of age. The reason is to satisfy age and entry requirements already stipulated by the CAPS scheme. Students progress through each stage at their own pace but are expected to complete Stage 6 before their 21st birthday.

Students of the Academy will have exclusive use of the Sailing School's new boats, including; 29ers, Flying 11's, Toppers and Lasers. These boats will be available for use in Club races after training sessions and students will also have first preference when chartering these boats for extended periods. The Academy will provide the best coaches and mentors from Canberra and Interstate to help students achieve their full potential.

The Canberra Yacht Club is committed to keeping enrolment costs as low as possible. External courses and costs associated with travel and entry to away regattas will incur some additional expense. The Academy is keen to develop partnership arrangements with individuals and corporate entities willing to support and assist our endeavours. The Canberra Yacht Club gratefully acknowledges the generous support already provided to the Academy by the Canberra Southern Cross Club and CMI Building Services.

For more information contact: CYC Sailing School - 02 - 6273 4777 or 0417 295 288

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WELCOME,

to the Canberra Yacht Club Sailing School

An Australian Yachting Federation Approved Training Centre

Adult Sailing Courses Information Package

The Sailing School -
The Sailing School is a division of the Canberra Yacht Club. It is accredited by the Australian Yachting Federation as a Registered Training Centre. Together with the Teki Dalton Adventure Sailing School, which has a complimentary relationship with us, we offer a comprehensive range of training for all levels of sailing, from small dinghies to ocean going yachts.

Aim -
Our aim is to make sailing fun and enjoyable for all. We provide the level of guidance that you need at the moment and the opportunity to progress as far as you wish to.

Where To Come -
The sailing course lessons are conducted on the ground floor club room of the Canberra Yacht Club, underneath the Canberra Southern Cross Yacht Club at Lotus Bay. The practical sessions are conducted from Lotus Bay, in Lake Burley Griffin.

Accreditation For Participants -
All students progress toward Australian Yachting Federation (AYF) accreditation. At the end of each course each student receives a Sailing School certificate stating the skills attained, together with the relevant endorsements in their AYF Log Book.

Profile - **Sean O'Regan.**
Director Sailing School.
Sailing Master - AYF Accredited.

Sean is an accredited AYF Sailing Master, Class Coach and Club Coach. He has vast coaching experience at all levels of sailing, from beginners to National Champions and is proud to have coached many of our current Australian Olympic Program sailors. His personal sailing prowess has taken him to England and Europe to compete Internationally with some very good results. In addition, he has held many Australian National and State dinghy sailing titles. Sean has also competed in Ocean Racing and Offshore racing in trailable yachts throughout his sailing career.

Here at the Sailing School Sean is supported by a number of enthusiastic AYF accredited assistant sailing coaches who assist to run the sailing programs.

Adult Sailing Courses Available -

The adult sailing course is designed to fit in with your busy lifestyle.
The courses are designed for beginners through to the experienced sailor wishing to improve and build on existing skills.

- Adult Sailing courses are conducted during the months of October, November, February and March. Each course consists of 25 hours of theory and practical coaching.

- Private one-on-one tuition is available. Times, yacht types and duration of sessions can be negotiated with Sean at anytime.

Cost -
The cost for the adult introductory sailing course is $245.00 per person.
A 10% discount is given to all Canberra Southern Cross Club Members.

Course Bookings -
Our sailing courses are extremely popular, so to secure you place we require a **non-refundable booking fee/deposit of $100.00 two weeks** prior to the commencement of the course.

Course Timetable - refer to Page 4 of this package.

Introduction To Sailing Course Syllabus -

Personal Preparation	Yacht Preparation
Water Safety	Rigging
Personal Flotation Devices	Terminology
Sun Protection	Points of Sail
Cold Weather Protection	Knots
Marine Safety	Capsize Recovery
Nautical Terminology	Helming Techniques
Person Overboard Procedure	Sail Shape and Control

Things To Bring And Wear -
Sailing is a water sport and sailors will always get wet. At the very least, they will get wet feet when launching the yachts, and at the worst they will get completely wet after a capsize. It is therefore essential to bring a complete change of clothes and a towel for a shower at the club after sailing.

For each practical session please provide the following:
- Sneakers and socks (they will get wet).
- Shorts and tracksuit trousers (jeans are not OK as they are not as warm).
- A wetsuit for sailing the dinghies (only if you own or can borrow one - no need to purchase).
- A long sleeve shirt.
- A jumper (preferable woolen).If its cold more than one may be needed.
- A nylon spray jacket or parka (preferably not with deep pockets as these can fill with water).
- A hat (A MUST).
- Sunscreen lotion (A MUST).
- Lunch, morning tea and afternoon tea - for full day courses.
- Something to drink.

These items of clothing etc. should be brought each day. What is actually worn will depend on the weather. Don't worry about the clothes being new or fashionable. Most clothes worn by sports sailors are of the old and worn variety - they will get wet!

Additional Sailing School Courses Available -

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Introduction to Racing - Adult's Sailing Course
Advanced Racing - Adult's Sailing Course
Children's Introductory Sailing Course
Introduction to Racing - Children's Sailing Course
Advanced Racing - Children's Sailing Course
Youth Program
Youth Sailing Academy
CAPS Program - Sailing Instructor Training
Little Tacker's Introductory Sailing Course - Children aged 6-8 years.

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Membership of the Canberra Yacht Club -
Whilst participating in the Sailing School Course membership to the Canberra Yacht Club is not necessary. However, the Sailing School recommends that its participants join the Canberra Yacht Club to provide on-going support and facilities for sailing. Information regarding this can be obtained from the Yacht Club Office downstairs.

CANBERRA YACHT CLUB SAILING SCHOOL

ADULT INTRODUCTORY SAILING COURSES 2000

COURSE #	TUESDAY 6.00-9.00pm Theory	THURSDAY 5.00-8.00pm Practical	SATURDAY 9.00-4.00pm Practical	MONDAY 5.00-8.00pm Practical	TUESDAY 6.00-9.00pm Theory	THURSDAY 5.00-8.00pm Practical	FRIDAY* 5.00-8.00pm Practical
CA #5	*8th February*	*10th February*	*12th February*	*14th February*	*15th February*	*17th February*	*18th February*
CA #6	**22nd February**	**24th February**	**26th February**	**28th February**	**29th February**	**2nd March**	**3rd March**
CA #7	*7th March*	*9th March*	*11th March*	*13th March*	*14th March*	*16th March*	*17th March*
CA #8	**21st March**	**23rd March**	**25th March**	**27th March**	**28th March**	**30th March**	**31st March**

* At the end of previous courses, the group has finished a little earlier to have a social dinner together (upstairs) to celebrate the completion of the course.

APPLICATION FORM FOR ADULT INTRODUCTORY SAILING COURSES

Course Number: CA # ..... Dates from: ..... to .....

PARTICIPANT DETAILS

Surname ..... Given Names.....

Preferred Name .....

Address.....

.....Postcode.....

Phone AH : (.....)..... Phone BH : (.....)..... Mobile : .....

Date of Birth (...../...../.....) Emergency Contact Phone : (.....).....

Emergency Contact Name :..... Relationship : .....

Details of any relevant condition which may affect ability to participate (e.g. medical or physical?) YES / NO

If YES, please give details :.....

Has the participant attended a relevant course before? YES / NO

If YES, please give details :

.....

Does the participant have a relevant AYF Log Book or other proof of sailing skill attainment? YES / NO
If YES, please give details and bring it along to the first lesson.

Would members of the Canberra Southern Cross Club please provide their membership number .....

Can the participant swim 25 metres with clothes on? YES / NO

Is the participant under the age of 21 years? YES / NO

If YES, then a parent or guardian must complete and sign the indemnity on the reverse.

If NO, then the participant must complete and sign the indemnity on the reverse. *THANK YOU*

To receive your 10 % please provide your:
Canberra Southern Cross Club Member Number (if applicable) .....

Office Use Paid $..... Receipt Number ..... Date .....

PARTICIPANT INDEMNITY FORM

I .....am aware that during the training course I have chosen
(self - over 21 or Parent Guardian - under 21)
for myself or ward (delete category not applicable) to participate in under the arrangements of the CANBERRA YACHT CLUB INCORPORATED certain hazards may occur associated with sailing and boat rigging generally. In consideration of the right to participate in such instruction or other activities associated with the course arranged by the CANBERRA YACHT CLUB INCORPORATED their associates or agents I have and do hereby assume all the above risks and will hold CANBERRA YACHT CLUB INCORPORTATED their associates and agents free of any liability action, debt claims or demands which I now have or may arise as a result or in connection with the participation in this course of instruction. The terms hereof shall also serve as a release of the CANBERRA YACHT CLUB INCORPORATED from risk and assumption of risk by my heirs executors or administrators for all members of my family including minors.

Should any successful claim be brought for myself/son/daughter/defacto/spouse against the CANBERRA YACHT CLUB INCORPORATED I agree to indemnify CANBERRA YACHT CLUB INCORPORATED its associates and agents and will meet the total costs resultant from such action.

SIGNED.....Date.....

Name in block letters.....

Address.....

.....

NOTIFY IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

Name.....Relationship.....

Address.....

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Phone AH : (.....)..... Phone BH : (.....)..... Mobile : .....

HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT OUR SAILING SCHOOL COURSES? (Please tick)

- ☐ Friends / word of mouth.
- ☐ Participated in previous courses.
- ☐ Internet.
- ☐ Newspaper advertisement.
- ☐ Canberra Times Newspaper Competition
- ☐ Holiday Happenings school brochure.
- ☐ Telephoned Canberra Yacht Club.
- ☐ Canberra Yacht Club Newsletter.
- ☐ Canberra Southern Cross Club Newsletter / Phone.
- ☐ Other _____

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Thankyou.

Modification to the Racing Rules

Since the release of the "Racing Rules of Sailing for 1997 – 2000", there has been a number of official changes to the rules authorised by the ISAF Council. Below is a list of the changes to "Part 2" that affect the general competitor.

The following changes to the racing rules take effect on 1 January 2000

Rule 16

Renumber rule 16 to 16.1 and insert new rule 16.2:

16.2 In addition, when after the starting signal a port-tack boat is keeping clear of a starboard-tack boat, the starboard-tack boat shall not change course if as a result the port-tack boat would immediately need to change course to keep clear.

Rule 18.2(b)

Replace rule 18.2(b) with:

(b) If a boat is clear ahead when she reaches the two-length zone, the boat then clear astern shall thereafter keep clear. Rules 10, 11 and 18.2(a) do not apply, and after the starting signal rule 16 applies only if the right-of-way boat changes course away from the mark or obstruction. If the right-of-way boat passes head to wind, rule 13 applies and this rule no longer does.

The following changes to the racing rules take effect on 1 January 1999

Rule 18.1

Replace rule 18.1 with:

18.1 When This Rule Applies

Rule 18 applies when boats are about to pass a mark they are required to leave on the same side, or an obstruction on the same side, until they have passed it. However, it does not apply

(a) at a starting mark or its anchor line surrounded by navigable water from the time the boats are approaching them to start until they have passed them, or

(b) between boats on opposite tacks when they are on a beat to windward or when the proper course for one of them to pass the mark or obstruction is to tack.

The following changes to the racing rules took effect on 1 January 1998 or before

Rule 14(b)

Replace rule 14(b) with:

(b) shall not be penalized under this rule unless there is contact that causes damage.

Rule 17.1

Replace rule 17.1 with:

A boat clear astern that becomes overlapped to leeward and within two of her hull lengths of a windward boat shall not sail above her proper course while the boats remain overlapped and less than that distance apart, unless as a result she falls astern of the windward boat.

Rule 49.1

Replace rule 49.1 with:

Competitors shall use no device designed to position their bodies outboard, other than hiking straps and stiffeners worn under the thighs.

Keep Clear

Replace the definition Keep Clear with:

One boat keeps clear of another if the other can sail her course with no need to take avoiding action and, when the boats are overlapped on the same tack, if the leeward boat can change course in both directions without immediately making contact with the windward boat.

Obstruction

Replace the definition Obstruction with:

An object that a boat could not pass without changing course substantially, if she were sailing directly towards it and one of her hull lengths from it. An object that can be safely passed on only one side and an area so designated by the sailing instructions are also obstructions. However, a boat racing is not an obstruction to other boats unless they are required to keep clear of her, give her room or, if rule 21 applies, avoid her.

A complete list of the changes to the Racing Rules is available by contacting your clubs representative to the YAACT Racing Rules Committee.

John Whitfield
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Wednesday January 26
Twilight 9

Sunday January 30
CYC championship 4 for dinghies
CYC pointscore 17
Duty Medium Trailable Yachts

Wednesday February 2
Twilight 10

Saturday February 5
CCYA recreational sailing
No spinnakers, twlight, BBQ

Sunday February 6
CYC pointscore 18
CCYA 6
Duty Lasers

Saturday & Sunday February 5-6
TYA Traveller Series St Georges Basin

Wednesday February 9
Twilight 11

Sunday February 13
CTC shortcourse
Pointscore 19 & 20
Duty Catamarans

Wednesday February 16
Twilight 12

Saturday February 19
CCYA Googong Dam

Sunday February 20
CYC championship 5
CYC pointscore 21
Duty Dinghies

Wednesday February 23
Twilight 13

Saturday & Sunday February 26-27
TYA Traveller Series Port Kembla

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Launch of Youth Sailing Academy

The ceremony took place in the marquee which easily accommodated about 100 guests. There were slightly more parents than children and teenagers.

Tom Ayrton, director of corporate affairs, was MC. He said the club's new activities, centred on the sailing school, had doubled membership over the past two years. The plan was to double it again over the next two years.

Sean O'Regan, director of the sailing school, said sailing training already established would be extended through the sailing academy into coaching and advanced coaching with the primary objects of participation and excellence as well as competitive success in the races on the lake. The sailing school's services and boats were available to the wider community, not just CYC members, he said.

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ACT Minister for Education and Sport, Bill Stefaniak, opened the sailing academy.

For the next few hours, guests looked over the club's boats and the VS-1 simulator. Of the large group around the simulator, about half were interested in the sailing while the rest became equally interested in the controls. My role was to describe the simulator origins, the differences with a flight simulator and how this mode of one-to-one training will result in much higher quality of instruction in manipulative technique. By the end of the day many of the parents and students had sailed the simulator and understood its potential.

The introduction of the simulator could not have gone better. Sean now has unanimous support for his simulator initiative and a clientele eager to see him integrate this new technology into his existing sail training and forthcoming coaching activity.

I propose to visit periodically to develop a realistic manual and listen to users' ideas for improving the machine.

Frank Bethwaite

Australian Mirror Championship

Justin Mann and Jonathon Clough in Sirocco (WA) capped off a great year of Mirror sailing, including twelfth in the recent World Championships in South Africa, by winning the Australian Mirror Championship. The championship, conducted by the YMCA Sailing Club of Canberra on Lake Burley Griffin on January 2-7, attracted 39 entries from around Australia.

The lake conditions tested all sailors with strong winds for the first day and moderate winds for other days - no real Canberra drifters!

Justin Mann dominated the championships with six wins in the twelve race series. Andrew Forster and Ryan Tutt in Octopussy (ACT) enjoyed a close tussle with Shane Delaney and Glenn & Evan Delaney in Critical Path (VIC) to finish second and third respectively. Sailing a borrowed boat, Forster recorded his best result after many years of sailing Mirrors.

Any thoughts that sailing in Canberra was easy, evaporated with 20-30 knot winds for race one resulting in only 16 finishers and boat repairs through the night.

Day two provided more typical Canberra conditions with light to moderate, variable winds providing a new challenge. Delaney continued his good form with a win in race four and Forster showed his Canberra skills with winning race five in unsettled conditions.

Day three was Mann's day – he won all four races to take an unassailable lead in the championships in moderate winds ideal for short races. Forster and Delaney shared second and third places in all races.

With the championship decided interest centered around Delaney, Forster and Mirsky to decide the minor placings on day four. The great conditions of day three continued and Forster dominated with first in race eleven and second in race twelve to narrowly secure second overall with Delaney third and Mirsky fourth overall.

The West Australians dominated the teams trophy with five sailors in the top ten, followed by Victoria and the ACT. The championship was notable for close racing, family emphasis and friendly support by the YMCA Sailing Club members.

Kate Harmony with Peter Russell from the ACT won the ladies championship.

The CYC thanks

Derek Kelly . . .

for the complimentary printing of the newsletter.

Contact Derek on 6254 1226 for large and small printing jobs.



Tasar Success

CYC helmsman Martin Linsley built upon his history of top-level Tasar racing success by finishing second in the 27th Australian Tasar Championship. Sailing in Coco and with Nick Grey, a fellow representative of the Australian Defence Force as crew, he finished the regatta with 26 points, just five points behind the new champions, Craig Mcphee and Kevin Kellow, from South Australia.

The championship was sailed from the Point Wolstoncroft Sport and Recreation Camp on Lake Macquarie. Ten races were completed over the six days of competition with southeast winds of between 8-22kts prevailing. A surprisingly low entry of 44 competitors had entered the series but representation from throughout Australia, including the current world champions and national title-holders from the NT (who finished seventh overall) ensured a high standard of competition.

Coco was the sole ACT entry. Several top Canberra sailors own Tasars (and keep them for special regattas whilst sailing single-handed classes) and the Defence Academy, ANU and the Navy does too, so it was unusual for there not to be a larger representation. Martin usually races Lasers with the CYC but teams with Nick (who is based north of Newcastle) for major events. He was not the sole ACT representative though, for Sarah Kennedy crewed NSW helmsman Chris Thompson and achieved a good tenth place overall.

The Tasar class has a reputation as 'the champagne class' and the social life at the hampionship lived-up to just that. As well as champagne and cheese at the end of each day's racing, competitors enjoyed an auction of sailing equipment, a fancy-dress party/quiz, a cricket match, wine tasting, fun-Olympics and, of course a sumptuous prize-giving ceremony.

Australian sailing legend Frank Bethwaite (79) finished 26th in the regatta. At the AGM of the Tasar Association he announced Starboard Products' intention to develop a '39er' to fill the performance gap between the 49er and 29er. It should interest lake sailors, as the new class will have a cockpit and not have a trapeze.

The next national Tasar Championship will be sailed in Darwin, between July 8-15 but opportunities for racing in large fleets exist at the Victorian (March 11-13 at Yarrawonga SC) and NSW (April 21-24 at Lake Macquarie) State Championships.

Further information on these, or other Tasar matters, is available from Martin Linsley on 6281 2817 or martin.linsley@defence.gov.au mail to: martin.linsley@defence.gov.au

Pointscore Results

including Race 20 sailed 13/2./2000

Aggregate Handicap Scores

1

1	67	Ting 11	I BROKENSHIR	231
2	C65	Hot Gossip	P FITZWARRYN	238
3	11	I-Spyder	D KNIGHTS	250
4	128	Imagem	G WYKES	343
5	54	Huntress	N PRIMROSE	374

1B

1	6671	Leumas	B MARSH	204
2	C5	Farr Too Easy	C KENYON	206
3	1417	Pania	K BETTS	216
4	C7	Just Posh	M GILLINGHAM	245
5	1061	Manatee	P MCQUEEN	257
6	840	Lady Bay	G REEVES	261

2

1	211	Neddy Seagoon	D MILLIGAN	160
2	231	Don't Ask	P BARRY	210
3	N840	Mr Freeze	C ABLETT	217
4	199		M FRANCIS	230
5	7403	Running Bear	S HARVIE	255

3

1	2759	State of the Ark	P FULLAGAR	119
2	3100	The Boat Comes First	P FORSTER	131
3	3657	Super Snabb	C BROWN	156
4	2971	Rag Dolly	J KENNEDY	162
5	AUS3607	Rustler	P RUSSELL	163

4

1	152869	Cheetah	J TRACEY	153
2	168678	Not my Fault	N GELLIE	157
3	37505	Loose Goose	M LINSLEY	160
4	163207	BACKCHAT	S ALLAN	167
5	141918	Te Waka	N HILYARD	220

5

1	41890	Wednesday	A HOROBIN	46
2	SAILSCH	no name	S BELL	55

6

1	303	Bullet Proof	M DUNN	155
2	522	The Beast	B FREESTONE	166
3	AUS711	Silk	D RIDING	189
4	5726	BIRD DOG	B WATKIN	210
5	15934	NSBTF	P MANLEY	227

Championship Results

including Race 20 sailed 13/2./2000

Aggregate Scratch Scores to race 9 on 6/2/00

1A Division 1A

1	C65	Hot Gossip	P FITZWARRYN	2.00
2	67	Ting 11	I BROKENSHIR	6.00
2	16	Scooter	R WYLDEBROWN	6.00
2	116	Stratagem	G GILLETT	6.00
5	5192	Harmony	C TUCKER	7.00
5	102	Take it Easy	T HIPPISLEY	7.00

1B Division 1B

1	C5	Farr Too Easy	C KENYON	2.00
2	6671	Leumas	B MARSH	6.00
2	1417	Pania	K BETTS	6.00
4	C7	Just Posh	M GILLINGHAM	7.00
5	C55	Farr Less Stress	C BESANT	22.00

2 Division 2

1	231	Don't Ask	P BARRY	2.00
2	269	Big Kuhun	D ROOS	3.00
3	N840	Mr Freeze	C ABLETT	4.00
4	211	Neddy Seagoon	D MILLIGAN	7.00
4	199		M FRANCIS	7.00

3 Division 3

1	3657	Super Snabb	C BROWN	3.00
1	3100	The Boat Comes First	P FORSTER	3.00
1	AUS3607	Rustler	P RUSSELL	3.00
4	3311	Lean Enuff	R MORCOM	4.00
5	2971	Rag Dolly	J KENNEDY	7.00

4 Division 4

1	37505	Loose Goose	M LINSLEY	2.00
2	152869	Cheetah	J TRACEY	3.00
3	168678	Not my Fault	N GELLIE	4. 00
4	140198	Helenka	M BRADY	7.00
5	155663	Gypsy Joy	B POWNALL	8.00

5 Division 5

1	41890	Wednesday	A HOROBIN	4.00
2	SAILSCH	no name	S BELL	5.00

6 Division 6

1	303	Bullet Proof	M DUNN	2.00
2	522	The Beast	B FREESTONE	4.00
2	15934	NSBTF	P MANLEY	4.00
4	AUS711	Silk	D RIDING	6.00
4	16143	Canterbury	R REDFERN	6.00

Gym Membership Prizes

The Deakin Health Spa is offering six one-year gym memberships (valued at $575 each) as race prizes. Three prizes were awarded last year to the winners of championship races in Flying Fifteens, Medium Trailable Yachts (1B) and Lasers. This year the prizes will go to winners of the following championship events:

30 January	Dinghies
19 March	Large Trailable Yachts (1A)
26 March	Cattamarans

Development of Club Policies

For the information of members, the Committee has approved development of the following Club policies:

Club Membership

Authorises the Committee to negotiate reciprocal membership with selected other clubs and provides guidelines for that. Of particular interest to skippers who have crews who are members of other clubs.

Trailable Handicapping

On the basis of experience form regattas and Club racing, clarifies provisions for measurement of modified boats. Of interest to trailable owners.

Copes of both are in the Policy Manual in the Sailors' Cabin for Club Members to read.

The Committee also commenced consideration of the guidelnes to implement the provision in teh club's Strategy and Business Plan for Preferred Classes. To be advised to class representatives and discussed at the next Sailing Users' Group on Monday 6 March for reference back to the Committee at its next meeting. A "must read" for members sailing classes that may wish to apply for preferred status - see Bob Marsh.

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Sunday January 30
CYC pointscore 23
Duty Lasers

Wednesday March 8
Twilight 15

Sunday March 12
CYC pointscore 24
Championship 6
Duty Larger Trailable yachts

Saturday & Sunday March 11-13
CCYA Hawkesbury River

Wednesday March 15
Twilight 16

Saturday & Sunday March 18-19
ACT Flying Fifteens titles

Sunday March 19
CYC pointscore 25
Championship 6 for larger trailerable yachts
CYA 8
Duty Dinghies

Wednesday March 22
Twilight 17

Saturday & Sunday March 25-26
TYA Traveller Series Pittwater

Saturday March 25
CCYA scavenger hunt race

Sunday March 26
CYC championship 7
CYC pointscore 26
CCYA 9
Duty Catamarans

Wednesday March 29
Twilight 18

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Cleaning up **Marlay Point**

Canberra sailors have done very well at this year's Marlay Point race.

The ACT contingent cleaned up three divisions, and had a good time as well.

The overnight race began in light conditions but the easterly faded around midnight. The usual drifting competition began, down the McClelland Straits, in which Canberra expertise showed through.

Dawn greeted the creds exiting from the straits and beginning a shy spinnaker run across Lake Victoria for a late breakfast. The conditions were the lightest many could remember and some boats did not make the 11 am cut off.

The start of the day race was postponed for one and a half hours. When it began, 20 knots was coming in from the east, with higher gusts and some rain. The faster boats romped home in what was basically reaching and running. The crews were already exhausted by their sleepless night and competing in the afternoon race took lots of energy. Somehow, they still found the strength to party on that night.

When the results came in, the Canberra boats were prominent on the honours list.

Peter Russell in his Castle 650 Rustler won the night race in its division and, despite being further back in the field for the day race, won the class on aggregate scores.

"When the results came in, the Canberra boats were prominent on the honours list."

Ben Leiske in his Castle 550 IOF won the night race and came second in the day race, making him the overall winner in his class.

Peter Withington in Trilobite won the night race in his multihull section and was first overall in division M.

In the day race, Deiter won the Dash for Cash – first to finish the first triangle.

So, while Canberra sailors usually do well at Marlay Point, this year they have excelled themselves. Congratulations from all your colleagues at the CYC.

Preferred Classes

As foreshadowed in the last newsletter, the Club's policy and procedures on responding to applications from class associations for the granting of "Preferred Class" status have been consulted with the Sailing Users' Group and have now been approved by the Club Committee.

This will be of interest to class associations , whose members make, or are capable of making a contribution to the life and development of the Club.

The policy and procedures document is now included in the Policy Manual on the library shelf in the Sailors' Cabin. Its now over to interested class associations!

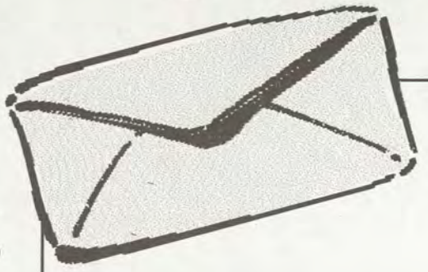
Under Cover Dinghy Storage

Laser sailor, Rob Saunders, has taken over management of undercover dinghy storage. Over the next few weeks, he will be reviewing the racking allocation of boats currently stored under the club.

Rob will be contacting users to obtain up to date information on dinghy owners and their requirements.

If you have any questions regarding the use and allocation of dinghy storage, Rob can be contacted on 626 57427 (w), 6291 9492 (h) or e-mail, nicnrob@dynamite.com.au

A little kindness goes a long way



February 22

The Secretary
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Dear Sir/Madam

This is a letter of thanks for assistance last Saturday. We unfortunately broke a rudder blade while sailing and were kindly offered a tow to the yacht club grounds by the rescue boat which was involved in a sail teaching class.

While we were waiting for a further offered tow, another club member offered to help with running repairs. In face he insisted on making a new rudder blade on the spot using some plywood which happened to be the right thickness. We were therefore able to sail back to our launching spot.

We were very impressed with the friendly assistance received from these club members and offer heartfelt thanks to them.

I would like to apply for family membership and enclose an application form with cheque.

Thanks once again,
Yours Sincerely
D. Baron
Hawker

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Peter Dalton
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Member Services

Management of the Club's **Power Boats**

Coincident with the appointment of John Sowden as Bosun, the Club's policy and procedures on managing the power boats will now be implemented in detail.

The purpose of the policy is to ensure proper management and availability of the power boats among the divisions of the club, to reduce the damage and maintenance costs that are an inherent result of group usage, and to ensure the boats are always in top condition to meet the constant demands on them from out busy program.

The policy takes into account the specific legal responsibility on the Sailing School and the general, but no less important, responsibility on the racing side of the Club to provide a set ratio of rescue boats according to weather condition.

It provides clear guidelines and expectations for all those who use the boats. It has been developed after extensive consultation with users over an extended period of time.

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The policy is based on specific responsibility being assigned to a nominated driver for each boat for a particular period as delegate of the Club. The process will be managed through a log book system for each boat. Usage of the boats among the divisions of the Club will be co-ordinated well in advanced by the relevant Directors and will be managed on a day to day basis by the Bosun.

The log books will be introduced immediately and hour meters fitted to those boats that do not have them. Members of the Race Support Unit and others who drive the power boats on race days will be briefed by Bob Marsh. Instructors of the Sailing School will be briefed by Sean O'Regan. A general meeting of all drivers will be held in April to talk about improvements and operating practices with the boats.

All drivers will need to be TL3 qualified. Training will be arranged for those who need to complete formal accreditation. All drivers will need to have read the Club's policy and procedures document. A copy of the policy and procedures document is available to all members in the Policy Manual on the Library in the Sailors' Cabin.

Training of new drivers will be arranged as is needed.

The period between now and the commencement of the Winter Series in May will be used to settle the policy into operation. After that, compliance with the policy will be mandatory. The policy will be reviewed and refined, if necessary, in time for the next Summer Season.

The Club Committee believes this is a well balanced approach to the management of valuable assets that are made available for our exclusive use by the Canberra Southern Cross Club. It will support those careful drivers who try to look after the boats, it will enhance the high quality of presentation of our services. It will save costs and it will responsibly cover our legal obligations for safety on the Lake.

New **Bosun**

We welcome John Sowden as the Club's new Bosun. Members may have seen him around in recent weeks and will be aware that his ministrations are already much appreciated.

By way of background, John retired from the Australian Federal Police a couple of years ago. He has a long association with water sports, including surfing and diving, he enjoys mucking about with power boats and is a keen fisherman. He remains a member of the Police Fishing Club and regularly goes fishing with his three adult sons.

His approach to the task of Bosun is based on preventive maintenance. He sees it to be centrally important for the geed of the Club to have the boats kept constantly ready and in good condition for safety work and for the services the Club provides to members.

John reports to Tom Ayrton as Director, Corporate Services and works closely with Bob Marsh as Director, Racing and Sean O'Regan as Director Sailing School.

John is looking forward to working with all the users of the power boats to keep them in really top condition. He is around the Club on a regular basis on Mondays, Wednesdays and at weekends, as well as at other times. It would be good for members to introduce themselves to John and to get to know him.

CYC & **CSCC**
relationship matures



A new memorandum of understanding has been signed between the Canberra Yacht Club and the Canberra Southern Cross Club.

Club Commodore Robert Redfern says the new arrangements between himself and the CSCC President will be in place until July 2003 and replaces arrangements that had been agreed to in 1997.

Robert said the new agreement picks up on issues of mutual concern between the two organisations and lays a firm foundation on which the relationship can further mature and strengthen.

The Memorandum of Understanding covers such matters as the Sailors' Cabin, boat and trailer parking, the sailing school, race management and sail coaching craft, toilets and showers, CYC income and expenditure and other matters of general concern.

The document is a public one and is available for any CYC member to see. A copy is on display in the Sailor's Cabin.

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CCYA 9
Duty Catamarans

Wednesday March 29
Twilight 18

Sunday April 2
CYC championship 7 for catamarans
CYC pointscore 27
Duty Larger trailerable yachts

Sunday April 9
Champion of Champions

Saturday & Sunday April 21-25
CCYA Easter Mallacoota

Sunday May 7
CYC Winter 1

Saturday & Sunday May 20-21
TYA Traveller series - Pittwater

Sunday May 21
CYC Winter 2

Sunday June 4
Winter 3

Sunday June 18
Winter 4

Sunday June 25
Presentation lunch

Sunday July 2
Winter 5

Show & Tell

At the last sailing users' group meeting it was decided that it would be to the advantage of the club if more sailors were familiarised with the Top Yacht software in use for the calculation of race results. Ideally we would like all divisions to have at least one person able to run results for a normal club race.

So . . .

If you would like to be one of the those privileged people, or even if you would just like to know more about how the miraculous calculation of results is achieved, come along to the



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A Club **on the Move**

The good news is that our club is growing vigorously.

It is being supported enthusiastically by members, run by a very competent committee and backed with money and publicity by the Canberra Southern Cross Club.

The expansion is much more than was envisaged and, for instance, the turn over of the club will exceed $150,000 this financial year. With the introduction of family memberships, the number of members has grown from 280 to 560 in the past three years.

Thereís a lot of activity: fleet numbers are up, the extra 50 slots in the new boat parking area were filled immediately, a capital purchase fund of $295,000 for the next three years has been approved, more than 600 people have gone through sailing school courses this season, many people are inquiring about hiring boats and office hours have been extended to cope with demand.

Your committee wants to consolidate this growth and continue the momentum by ensuring the club is properly managed.

The range and complexity of the day-to-day issues that need to be dealt with at a senior level have grown beyond the capacity of volunteers with busy professional lives.

This has led to a proposal being worked up over the past few months for a part-time manager. It is a new concept for the club but one that the committee feels is now needed.

Neil Primrose, vice-commodore, has written a paper that discusses the club's future directions and thoroughly probes the reasons for the proposal.

He says the general manager would initially be employed for three days a week.

"A general manager would be responsible for overall supervision of all the clubís employees, in a collegiate management framework," he says. "This would entail mentoring, guiding, supporting and coordinating the work of all the club's staff.

"The principal immediate task is to develop a corporate culture among both employees and volunteers.

"The position would relieve committee members from detailed supervision of their present administrative roles but it would also have a wider brief to develop the club."

Copies of Neil's paper are available at the sailing office.

The committee wants to hear members' views on the proposal, and has convened a meeting for Sunday June 4, following winter race 3, for consultations over soup and drinks in the Sailors' Cabin.

At the meeting, Robert Redfern will report on progress in developing the club. There will be discussion, led by Robert Redfern and Robert Bain, about the decisions that need to be made to continue our expansion. Cleaver Elliott will discuss our usage and space requirements in a new club building, to give feedback to the Southern Cross Club.

Please come and listen to the discussion about the proposals and make your views heard.

MEETING **JUNE 4**
AFTER WINTER RACE 3

Australian **Secondary School** Championship

Sean O'Regan took another enthusiastic team to the competition held over Easter, held at Belmont.

The team was Ian Davidson and Josh Payne, Andrew Sutton and Angus Gallagher, Simon Lyddith and Stephen Bell, and Finnian Lattimore and Sam Gallagher, Matthew Mason and Renee van de Hoek. They took three 29ers, one Flying 11 and a Sabot.

Racing was from the Belmont 16s Club. Conditions for the five races were moderate to fresh to moderate, no rain and 25 C every day.

The team was up at 6.30 each morning for a run and stretching, down to the club at 9am for a weather briefing and prepare pre-race strategies. Then there was time for a quick lunch before the 12.10 start.

The sailors were off the water around 3pm, going back to their house for dinner and a three hour debriefing session.

The championships attracted 232 boats in four divisions. Our 29ers sailed three laps and still managed to beat many smaller dinghies on corrected time that sailed a shorter course.

At the end the results were very encouraging, showing overall improvement from last year.

Ian and Josh came third in a fleet of 15 29ers, and 13th overall. Stephen and Simon were 75th overall and eight in the 29ers, and Andrew and Angus were 138th. In the Flying 11, Finn and Sam were 178th overall and Matthew in the Sabot was 200th.

Special thanks to Renee van de Hoek who traveled all the way as an emergency crew. She didn't get to sail but was tremendous help on the beach getting crews on and off the water. Thanks also to the Gallagher, Bell and Mason families and Wendy Parish for their support.

Winter Racing

The winter series is under way and club commodore Robert Redfern has good news: we have two sponsors for the series.

Carlton and United Breweries and the Canberra Southern Cross Club are putting in combined prize money of $2000.

The prizes will be distributed at the end of the eight race series according to three factors: the number of boats in each division, performance and participation.

After the races, come to the Sailors' Cabin where there will be drinks, soup and breadrolls available.

Victorian Tasar Championship to CYC member

Believing (wrongly) that Albury and, more particularly, Yarrawonga Sailing Club, are just 'down the road' from Canberra, CYC sailor Martin Linsley and his crew, Nick Grey, took his Tasar, Coco, to the Victorian Tasar Championship sailed there in early March.

While no Tasars are based at that club, 34 visited from the shores of Port Philip Bay, other inland lakes, and one each from Batemans Bay and Sydney.

Two races were held on the Saturday, both in light and variable winds, and Coco finished 6th and first. Three more were scheduled for the Sunday, but were postponed due to an absence of wind. A fine 10-12 knt breeze blew on the Monday, enabling three races. Martin and Nick finished these with a second and two more firsts, giving them the Victorian State Championship. Second was Mike and Cathy Painter from Victoria, and third, Rob and Katy Douglas from Batemans Bay. Despite a missed day, the racing was good: the social life at least equally so. The Tasar fleet lived up to its reputation of being a socially minded lot. Most competitors camped at the club, and evening socials with well-lubricated sing-alongs under the stars made for a very entertaining weekend away. Scheduled Tasar championships include the nationals in Darwin July 8-15 and the worlds in Whitstable, UK August 24-31 2001. For information on

Pointscore Series

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Aggregate Results

IA

Place	Sail No	Name	Skipper	Agg Score	# Races
1	67	Ting II	I BROKENSHIRE	79	20
2	11	I-Spyder	D KNIGHTS	109	19
3	C65	Hot Gossip	P FITZWARRYNE	185	17
4	128	Imagem	G WYKES	186	16
5	116	Stratagem	G GILLETT	304	13
6	C9	Interaction	S LANGLANDS	311	13
7	102	Take it Easy	T HIPPISLEY	330	11
8	54	Huntress	N PRIMROSE	374	10
9	16	Scooter	R WYLDEBROWNE	405	8
10	84	Wisdom	D BIZANT	408	9
11	5192	Harmony	C TUCKER	443	8
12	38	Tinkerbell	W SILLICK	475	7
13	21	Gomez	P SCRIVENER	513	5
14	50	Aimes	R PEAKE	529	5
15	8044	Abbie Marie	D INGLES	555	4
16	58	Solitaire	T HANRAHAN	568	3
17	57	Quick Stix	D WALTER	579	4
18	C30	Vivaldi	D MCMICHAEL	580	3
19	161	Tekoa	R AMOS	583	2
20	39	Serenade	S MANLEY	601	1
20	12	IOF	B LIESKE	601	2
22	124	Hydrogem	L NIELSEN	609	2
23	37	Pathfinder	P TAYLOR	622	1
24	92	Trilobite	P WITHINGTON	625	1
25	49	Reasonable Doubt	D TIETZ	626	2
26	38	Mere Folly	D TOWNSEND	650	0
26	113	Dodgem	D SHORTRIDGE	650	0
26	80	Rustler	P RUSSELL	650	0
26	35	Callisto	J WHITE	650	0
26	C3	Micro	S KERSHAW	650	0
26	D7	Jambalaya	A HOUSTON	650	0
32	8031	Scotty	P TIERNEY	656	0
33	1	Vengaboat	M OWEN	663	0

IB

1	C5	Farr Too Easy	C KENYON	111	15
2	C7	Just Posh	M GILLINGHAM	147	13
3	840	Lady Bay	G REEVES	165	12
4	6671	Leumas	B MARSH	172	12
5	1417	Pania	K BETTS	214	10
6	1061	Manatee	P MCQUEEN	238	9
7	7	Warringa	R BAIN	279	6
8	C55	Farr Less Stress	C BESANT	297	4
9	AUS24	Aus24	P THOMPSON	317	4
10	27	no name	M LEYDON	319	4

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Aggregate Results

IB (Cont)

Place	Sail No	Name	Skipper	Agg Score	# Races
11	6495	Gypsy Blue	A LEE	327	4
12	171	Aussie Gold	J VERHEUL	346	2
13	1225	Stack	L NIELSEN	347	2
14	666	Finesse	M VANDERHOEK	358	4
15	694	Zephfarr	F WALSCHOTS	374	0
16	280	no name	D FISHER	377	2
17	114	Powder Monkey	J MITCHELL	378	0
17	146	Tigress	S DAVIES	378	0
17	AUS24A	no name	I RUFF	378	0
17	167	Crazy Lady	E HARRIS	378	0
21	375	Not available	T HANCOCK	398	0
22	3641	no name	I KALNINS	403	2
23	1225	Stack	P FARNHAM	433	2
24	388	Crede	J HALL	460	1
25	99	Red Dragon	E WEBB	470	1

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Place	Sail No	Name	Skipper	Agg Score	# Races
1	211	Neddy Seagoon	D MILLIGAN	121	13
2	N840	Mr Freeze	C ABLETT	130	13
3	7403	Running Bear	S HARVIE	142	11
4	231	Don't Ask	P BARRY	186	9
5	N854	The Chilli factor	G MARNER	203	10
6	8091		G GRAY	216	8
7	199		M FRANCIS	230	5
8	205	Expres. in Dentistry	W PARISH	264	4
9	244	Super Bickies	P RUSSELLJNR	293	1
10	778	Kia	J TRACEY	316	3
11	269	Big Kuhun	D ROOS	327	1
12	2193	no name	M PURDY	339	1
13	5	Guideline	R MCARDLE	359	2
14	5910	Thisisit	B HODGSON	361	3
15	AUS224		H NICOL	363	0
16	225		B KEYS	369	1
17	14515	Orinoco Flow	S QUINN	379	1
18	149	Mudal	M LEYDON	381	1
19	AUS207	Kenny	S BELL	383	1
20	213	Frantic	J ROOS	389	1
21	AUS253	Hakona Matata	A WEBSTER	434	2
22	2604	coco	M LINSLEY	457	1
23	208	Popeye	A SUTTON	467	2
24	N283	No Idea	R GARNER	468	0
24	3062	The Luiry Company	S HOW	468	0
26	N260	Noodwedle	E LOUIS	490	1
27	7332	Ano Kato	A MCCONCHIE	494	3
28	209	no name	A REES	525	1

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Place	Sail No	Name	Skipper	Agg Score	# Races
1	KA2759	State of the Ark	P FULLAGAR	77	21
2	AUS3100	The Boat Comes First	P FORSTER	78	20
3	2824	Cockatiel	M GILLETT	94	20
4	AUS3657	Super Snabb	C BROWN	103	19
5	AUS3607	Rustler	P RUSSELL	120	15
5	2971	Rag Dolly	J KENNEDY	120	15
7	AUS3060	Flyiing High	P DALTON	146	15
8	3311	Lean Enuff	R MORCOM	168	11
9	3492	Wings	L MCGEE	215	9
10	2104	Mischief	I HAWKE	236	6
11	KA2387	Barnacle Bill	B CAUSBROOK	252	5
12	2831	Interact	G TAYLOR	269	5
13	2835	Zenith	R MCDONALD	296	1
14	3491	Snow Goose	P DALY	302	0
15	KA2673	Salvador	D FISHER	309	5
16	2344	Formula X	S BAKER	317	2
17	2671	Fi Fi Fo Fum	P BRYDEN	318	1
18	935	Amalffi	I ATKINSON	334	4
19	AUS3306	Ffenominal	G GILES	371	2
20	3616	Morna II	P THOMPSON	411	1

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Place	Sail No	Name	Skipper	Agg Score	# Races
1	152869	Cheetah	J TRACEY	79	20
2	168678	Not my Fault	N GELLIE	98	18
3	163207	Backchat	S ALLAN	102	17
4	37505	Loose Goose	M LINSLEY	107	16
5	141918	Te Waka	N HILYARD	175	14
6	140199	Hot Chilli	R SAUDERS	181	11
7	16044	chaos	J SULLIVAN	200	11
8	140198	Helenka	M BRADY	223	11
9	123227	no name	S WARILD	225	10
10	136051	Sailor of Fortune	N WHYATT	236	8
11	143365	Dynamite	A SMITH	248	7
12	143375	Whatever	R FAULKS	292	6
13	155663	Gypsy Joy	B POWNALL	298	4
14	143431	Misties Fool	T RYAN	303	4
15	168127	Rustler	P RUSSELL	317	3
16	168159	no name	R FISHER	336	0
17	143375	The Power of One	A FAULKS	337	3
18	159142	Something	G WARNE	344	1
19	162100	Bluebeat	R RAMSEY	347	4
20	150032	Windswept	M LINSLEY	423	1
21	37505	Loose Goose	M ARMSTRONG	425	1

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Place	Sail No	Name	Skipper	Agg Score	# Races
5					
1	41890	Wednesday	A HOROBIN	40	10
2	SAILSCH	no name	S BELL	55	0
3	1245	no name	A BELL	78	0
6					
1	303	Bullet Proof	M DUNN	98	15
2	522	The Beast	B FREESTONE	111	14
3	AUS711	Silk	D RIDING	140	11
4	16143	Canterbury	R REDFERN	177	8
5	15934	NSBTF	P MANLEY	187	7
6	5726	Bird Dog	B WATKIN	196	6
7	166	Fully Blown	M COOK	236	3
8	6236	Bad Attitude	P WOOD	257	3
9	62695	Zip	N GARVEY	263	1
10	15167	Super Slug	S OREGAN	267	0
10	19012	no name	K HOGG	267	0
10	14094	Horse Shag & Cow	G HOWARTH	267	0
13	61515	Sacre Bleu	A PERRY	281	1
14	62579	Luminous Lunatic	C WOOD	306	1
15	507	no name	B SCHUTTE	320	0
16	36352	no name	R PRESTON	330	1

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Reserve these Dates!

Sunday May 21
CYC Winter 2

Sunday June 4
Winter 3

Sunday June 18
Winter 4

Sunday June 25
Presentation lunch

Sunday July 2
Winter 5

Sunday July 16
CYC winter race 6

Sunday July 30
CYC winter race 7

Sunday August 13
CYC winter race 8

Paralympics Sailor

Peter Thompson has been selected for the 2000 Australian Paralympic Team. He will be sailing in the Norlan 2.4m class in the games which follow the Olympics.

Olympics Sailor

Former Canberra sailor Michael Blackburn will again represent Australia in the Olympics. Michael took second place at the Laser worlds.

Getting ready for the GST

(GOOD SAILING TAX)

(Will not apply if you sail badly)

Despite some suggestions to the contrary, a goods and services tax will be payable on all memberships, boat storage fees, race entry fees and any other service the club may charge members.

Membership joining fees and (annual) renewal fees are subject to GST because they are paid in return for a supply of the benefits and rights of being a member of the club. Race entry fees are a taxable supply as the money received is consideration for the right to participate in a sporting event.

In cases where the Club's facilities and equipment may be used by non-members, the GST treatment is the same as it would be when used by members. GST will be included in all the club's fees and charges for goods, services and supplies from July 1 this year.

In the meantime, the CYC has been proactive in getting ready for the GST. The club has registered for its Australian Business Number as is required under the legislation. Our accounting software, MYOB has been upgraded to ensure it is has the capability to produce the required GST documentation.

Carol Wylde-Brown and myself have attended a number of GST seminars and workshops. I am confident that we fully understand the compliance requirements and the reporting requirements. Some extra staff training is still required but I expect that to be completed by mid-June.

A GST working committee has been formed to address all the issues that may impact on the club's financial management. The GST working committee will systematically check all the issues as applicable to a sporting organisation, not only from the introduction of the GST but also from the other changes being made to the taxation system.

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Notice of Consultation Meeting

A meeting to report progress and to consult Members about future directions of the Club will be held at 3.15 pm after Winter Race No. 3 on Sunday 4 June in the Sailors' Cabin.

The agenda will be:

- Report on progress in developing the Club (Robert Redfern),
- Discussion of forthcoming decisions that need to be made to continue our momentum (Robert Redfern and Robert Bain), and
- Initial consultation on our usage and space requirements in a new club building for input to the Southern Cross Club(Cleaver Elliott).

For background, see the article on "Future growth of the Club" in this newsletter.

If you are not sailing, come and watch the race, enjoy afternoon tea afterwards and contribute your ideas about the future growth of the Club.

Future Growth of the Club

Background

We are further advanced with implementing the very challenging Strategy and Business Plan than was ever envisaged when we unanimously endorsed it at the AGM in October 1998. To provide effectively for the Club's continued growth some decisions need to be made soon instead of being left for consideration at the scheduled review of the Strategy next year.

It is appropriate to report progress and to consult members now about issues the Committee needs to decide in the next few months.

Progress

Annual turnover of the Club will exceed $150,000 this financial year (compared to $90,000 three years ago). Membership numbers now exceed 550 (compared to some 280 three years ago).

Principal Race Officers have been arranged for the last Winter Series, the Twilight Series and the present Winter Series, with significant improvement in the quality of race administration.

The trailable yacht divisions are strong and growing. The Flying Fifteen fleet continues to be a significant element of the Club's life.

Numbers in the dinghy classes, which have generally been in decline over recent years, have stabilised around the Laser and Contender classes. The stage has been set for growth, with the Flying 11s and the 29ers now being raced in the Summer and Twilight Series by the Youth Sail Academy and private boats being acquired. A local group has been formed to promote the 29er class and manage Canberra boats on a regatta circuit. A similar group is planned for the Flying 11 class.

The Club now promotes the growth of energetic classes through its Preferred Class Policy.

After-race social activities have been made a regular feature of member services and have been progressively improved.

A significant number of people are inquiring about hiring boats for recreational sailing.

The external boat parking has been increased by additional fifty slots and was filled immediately. The undercover boat storage has been redesigned and the facilities considerably improved.

The Capital Purchase Program of $175,000 provided by the Canberra Southern Cross Club, covering the three year period to the end of June this year, has been fully expended; mostly to re-equip the Sailing School and also to add to the inventory of power boats.

A follow-on funding program of some $295,000 for the next three years has been approved by the Committee, after consultation with the Sailing Users' Group, and is under discussion with the Southern Cross Club. A copy of that proposal is available on the library shelves in the Sailors' Cabin for the information of members.

The Club has also made a proposal to the Southern Cross Club for additional tie-up facilities for trailable yachts next to the existing public jetty, together with a launching crane and hardstand.

Development of the Sailing School is ahead of schedule, with the teaching program now diversified from basic level training into intermediate training and a start made on advanced coaching of both children and adults. Over six hundred people (children, teenagers and adults) have gone through the School during this training season. Most of the children's courses have been fully subscribed and adult courses have been similarly well supported.

The Youth Sailing Academy has been launched. There are more applicants than the places available and a strong leadership team. Results from two recent interstate 29er regattas and the Australian Schools Championship at Lake Macquarie (see separate

article in this newsletter) confirm the high standard already reached by members of the Academy.

The Sailing School will return a healthy trading surplus to the Club's financial outcome this financial year.

Preparations for a high quality boat hire operation have been largely completed. Commencement of operations has been delayed, initially by the complexities of gaining the necessary licenses, and recently by the Government's levying of betterment tax at a rate the Southern Cross Club felt was unreasonable. Action is presently being taken by the Southern Cross Club before the Administrative Appeals Tribunal. The Club is working in support of that action. A result is expected by the end of June.

The Sailing School and the boat hire operation are the primary drivers of the Club's continued growth and its continued diversification into recreational aspects of our sport.

The Race Support Unit now comprises some thirty five people.

The employed staff of the Club now comprises:

- an Office Manager (part time hours by two people with half day overlap);
- a Principal Race Officer (PRO) for the Winter Series (voluntary position with honorarium);
- a part time Bosun;
- a full-time Director of the Sailing School; and
- eight part time assistant instructors of the Sailing School.

Uniforms have been provided to staff and volunteers to improve the Club's presentation and professionalism. Signage around the building and in adjacent streets has been installed to market the Club and reinforce perceptions about its identity. Preparations have been made for a major up-grade of the Club's web site.

Office opening hours have been extended to meet demand from members and the wider community.

The Club's computerised accounting system has been progressively up-graded to keep pace with the increasing sophistication of the Club's administration. The Committee and the Office Manager have spent considerable time preparing the Club for the introduction of GST.

A draft risk management strategy has been developed and arrangements for this to be completed over the winter for implementation at the outset of the Summer Season.

The Club has been asked by the Southern Cross Club to provide advice on the its usage and space needs in a possible new club building for the Southern Cross Club's planning processes. It is possible, depending on progress in negotiations with the Government

over other developments, that the Southern Cross Club may bring forward its timetable for developing the Lotus Bay site.

A group of Club members has played a leading part in reviewing the roles and structure of the YA of the ACT to align it with current circumstances. This work is being extended to review of the structure of the AYF.

Situation

The Committee's functions are well delineated and delegated as evenly as possible across the capabilities of its Members. This is provided for in the Club's Strategy and Business Plan (pages 13 to 17) and has served the Club reasonably well thus far. However, the range and complexity of the day-to-day issues that need to be dealt with at a senior level has grown beyond the capacity of volunteers with busy professional lives. In this, the Club is facing the same problems as other medium sized clubs in Canberra.

Similarly, the spectacular growth of the Sailing School has been achieved by a rate of effort from the Director, the team of instructors, supporters and the Board that cannot be sustained long term. Continued performance at the present level, let alone further growth, is critically dependent on the physical presence of the Director at all activities because he is the only person with the necessary qualifications. While the level of risk entailed in this for the School has been acceptable in the initial stages, it is untenable as a regular practice.

Also, the system of managing racing, while serving the Club reasonably in lieu of a regular PRO, is falling progressively behind the standard of service members demand of their clubs.

Proposed general manager

Leadership of the growing team of employees and the entrepreneurial management of the Club's day-to-day affairs now needs to be placed in the hands of a dedicated senior executive. The Strategy and Business Plan specifically identifies the limits of the "extensive demands upon the people involved of managing a modern yacht club with an honorary committee..." (page 13). It envisages the eventual need for a general manager to exercise top level day-to-day management and lead the team of employees.

The impact of Committee members' time constraints on the management of the Club has been growing during the year. Though not yet at the stage of being critical, action needs to be taken now to protect the momentum the Club has achieved in its growth and the capability of its management.

The overall role of a general manager would equate to the chief executive of a middle sized small business in relation to the board of management, the staff of the organisation, the stakeholders of the organization, competitors, peers, and the wider community. The

additional complication in this situation is to manage teams of volunteers in a harmonious relationship with the paid employees.

It assessed that the initial load would require three days per week for a competent senior executive. Any increase in the time employed would need to be justified by commensurately increased revenue from growth in the Club's activities.

A general manager would be responsible to the Committee, with the Commodore as first report.

A general manager would be responsible for overall supervision of all the Club's employees, in a collegiate management framework. This would entail mentoring, guiding, supporting and co-ordinating the work of all the Club's staff.

The principal immediate task is to develop a corporate culture among both employees and volunteers. This would include developing detailed job descriptions, performance agreement s and assessment arrangements for each member of staff. It would also entail assisting the Commodore to conclude and register a work place agreement.

The position would relieve Committee Members from detailed supervision of their present administrative roles, but it would also have a wider brief to develop the Club.

Specific tasks would include:

- High level oversight of the preparation for and reporting of Committee meetings and the Sailing Users Group,
- High level oversight of the continuing development of the Sailing School and the Boat Hire operation,
- Co-ordinating the maintenance and the detailed up-grading of the Club's infrastructure, facilities and equipment,
- Serving as the Club's representative on the CSCC planning committee for the development of the Lotus Bay site,
- High level oversight of the Club's account keeping and financial records,
- Keeping up to date of the Club's public liability and public access interests,
- Providing the authority behind day-to-day management of the boat storage and parking facilities,
- Arrangements for welcoming and inducting new members,
- Promotion and detailed media relations of the Club,
- Keeping current the high quality of presentation of the Club, its environs and its staff,
- Co-ordinating the administration of race entries and measurement of boats,
- Day-to-day liaison with other sailing clubs and water-related organisations, and
- Enforcing compliance with the Club's membership and other policies and procedures.

The position would assist with the development of the Club's vision and strategic planning (note the commitment to revise the Strategy and Business Plan for the AGM in August 2001).

It would involve an active relationship with members and a pro-active role in seeking out new opportunities for the Club. It would play a leading role in drawing groups of people to use the Club's facilities and in promoting the Club to the business community.

The main role with external stakeholders is to:

- Liaise with the General Manager of the Southern Cross Club, the Manager of the Southern Cross Yacht Club and the Manager of the cruise boat *Southern Cross*,
- Liaise with the chief executives of other sailing clubs and yacht clubs in the ACT and interstate,
- Liaise with the media and potential sponsors, and
- Liaise with the committee chairs of the YA of the ACT.

The Committee has examined the pros and cons of appointing a general manager carefully over a period of some months. As well as drawing on the wide experience available from its own members, it has sought advice from the head of the Canberra office of Morgan and Banks. That advice and offer of further assistance has been provided at no charge to the Club.

The most likely prospect for an appointment by the Club would be a senior manager who had recently retired, still has plenty of energy, has an entrepreneurial track record and would be attracted to the job primarily because of its challenge and interest. Such a person would expect to be remunerated to a reasonable level, commensurate with the work involved, but would presumably not be relying on this position as their primarily means of support. However, the right person would likely also have other prospects or offers and the Club would have to compete with other opportunities in negotiating the position.

The Capital Program proposed to the Southern Cross Club contains provision for support for a part-time general manager over the three years of the program on a diminishing basis. The responsibility would rest squarely on the appointee to provide the remaining funds to support the position from growth in members and activities run by the Club.

Assuming the Southern Cross Club is prepared to support the proposal, it would be desirable to have the appointee commence in office by mid August in order to develop the management team, market the Club and have systems in place to meet the Club's administrative requirements by the start of the next Summer Season. This means advertising the position in mid-June.

It is envisaged that the position would be advertised publicly to attract the strongest field possible. A selection committee would be appointed to report to the Commodore.

It is imperative that the quality and capability of the Club's management matches that of the Southern Cross Club as it continues its development at the Lotus Bay site.

Proposed Deputy Director of the Sailing School

The extreme load under which the Director has worked this year has paid strong dividends for the Club. It should not be taken for granted and cannot be expected to be repeated. The extent to which the Club is dependent on the physical presence of the Director in now one of the highest risk factors in the management of the Club and must be reduced. It is also costing the Club potential revenue and this effect will increase as the Youth Sail Academy goes away to regattas more frequently.

The Sailing School Board strongly recommends the appointment of a Deputy Director, Sailing School. Results from the past training season demonstrate the viability, as well as the necessity, of appointing a Deputy Director. Timing regarding start-up of the boat hire operation will determine whether the appointment should initially be part-time or full-time.

The appointee would be responsible for establishing and running the boat hire operation, assisting the Director with the Youth Sail Academy and the learn to sail classes and for marketing the Sailing School to secondary schools and colleges in the region.

It is imperative to have the appointee commence in office by mid-August to assist in the marketing and set up of the School at the beginning of the training season in the September school vacation.

The position will pay its own way - being supported from operational revenues of the Sailing School and the boat hire operation.

Proposed PRO

The substantial difference made by having continuity of supervision in the Winter Series and the last Twilight Series confirms the desirability of employing a PRO to run the three racing series offered by the Club.

Although the Committee has been unsuccessful so far in recruiting a person with the requisite level of skill to run all three series, the search needs to be continued. This would be a part-time appointment. It would be important, not only for the continuous improvement of the Club's racing services to members, but also for attracting more special events to the Club on a regular basis.

Funding for the appointment will be covered by the race entry fees and the proceeds from special events.

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"Try Sail" Day

The Australian Yachting Federation and the Boating Industry of Australia have agreed to hold and publicise an Australia-wide "Try Sail" day on Sunday, November 12, 2000. The Yachting Association of the ACT is responsible for events in the Canberra region and has asked the club if we will participate and we have accepted to do so.

This will give us the same sort of opportunity to show case our club and sailing to the community that our Try and Buy Day achieved last year. This time we will be able to "piggy back" on national press and television advertising.

The Yachting Association has also asked the other sailing clubs and training establishments to run something on that day as well. We will use the day for the formal launch of Sail Canberra.

The event will be on a race day for the club. This is a plus for us, because it will add to the colour and movement on the site. It will also cause some congestion for boats being rigged, but that can be managed.

Your committee is looking for a member, or possibly a class association, to take on the task of managing the event. Would anyone who would be prepared to volunteer to do this please talk to the Commodore, Robert Redfern, phone 6271 5617 (w) or 6255 6050 (h). We need to start work on the

Registration of the business name "Sail Canberra"

"Sail Canberra" has now been registered as a business name and as a domain name for the club's combined sailing school and boat hire operation.

This is a foundation block of the marketing plan for the sailing school and boat hire operation that the Sailing School Board has been working on for the past six months. Led by the hard driving Nick Hildyard, the plan will lift the quality of our presentation to new heights and give us a public image to compete effectively with the other sports that are vying for the time and commitment of people in our community.

Sail Canberra will operate under the CYC logo and will be badged as a division of the Canberra Yacht Club.

The new boats to be acquired by the club under the Capital Program provided by the Canberra Southern Cross Club will sport immediately the new signage that Nick is having designed. Existing boats in the club's inventory will be kitted out with new signage progressively.

The business plan for the boat hire operation and the marketing plan for Sail Canberra are available at the library in the Sailors' Cabin for members to peruse.

First race of the **SUMMER SERIES**

POINTSCORE 1 Sunday September 24 @ 2pm

Capital Funding

from the Canberra Southern Cross Club

Approval by the Canberra Southern Cross Club of a Capital Program for the Canberra Yacht Club covering the next three years was announced at our annual presentation lunch on June 25.

The program provides $60,000 per annum for the purchase of additional boats for race management, sailing school and boat hire and the start of a replacement program for existing boats to keep the stock fresh. The program separately provides $15,000 per annum for initial support of a general manager, if the club decides to make such an appointment.

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This program follows on from the Capital Purchase Program for the period FY 1998 to FY 2000 of $175,000, which has established the club's sailing school and the race management assets. It adds to the internal boat storage and the external boat park (recently doubled in size) which the Southern Cross Club makes available to the club to manage as revenue earners to contribute to the cost of providing sailing services to members. It also adds to our rent-free use of office space, meeting area, and sailing school storage, as well as the coverage of our electricity costs and the insurance of our boats.

In announcing the program, Adrian Caddy, vice-president of the Southern Cross Club, noted his board's confidence in the Canberra Yacht Club as the best managed of the 50 or so clubs with which the Southern Cross Club is associated. He also noted the importance of the club's continuing to improve its management to keep pace with the Southern Cross Club's aspirations for the Lotus Bay site.

The Southern Cross Club Board has indicated that, having set the Canberra Yacht Club up in a substantial fashion to earn its own way, this will be the last major capital program for the club in the foreseeable future. Smaller specific projects will be considered on their merits after the present program ends.

Your Committee considers that, with the earning potential of the sailing school, boat hire, boat storage and boat parking and the continued subsidised use of meeting and office facilities, the club is in the position where it will be able to continue to develop and to pay its way while keeping the cost of services to its members among the lowest across all sports in the Territory.

This will require good management and capable people. However, we have shown we can work within the modern sports administration environment and we can therefore accept the Southern Cross Club's confidence in our ability to manage our future.

A copy of the club's submission to the Southern Cross Club for the Capital Program is available at the library in the Sailors' Cabin for members to peruse. *Neil Primrose*



Canberra sailing **volunteers** prepare for the Olympics

Canberra sailors Peter Manley, Stew Shimeld, Laurie McDonald, Chas Powell and Ross and Carol Wylde-Browne are currently heading into the final training series for the Olympics. Peter and Stew will be assisting on the water (Field of Play), Laurie, Chas, Ross and Carol will be in the results area for the Games, and Laurie is also an official measurer for the Mistral windsurfers.

Ross Wylde-Browne

Integrated improvement of the **Lotus Bay foreshore**

Is soon as the distraction of the Southern Cross Club's case before the Administrative Appeals Tribunal regarding betterment tax on the change of lease clause for the boat hire operation is out of the way, Commodore Robert Redfern will be calling a meeting of the NCA, ACT Government, Southern Cross Club and the Canberra Yacht Club to negotiate a program of integrated improvement to the Lotus Bay foreshore.

This will pick up the proposal that the club put to the Southern Cross Club in July of last year for additional tie-up facilities for trailable yachts and the Flying Fifteens, a hardstand and a crane. Work on an integrated program will include separate tie-up facilities for the Southern Cross Ferry. It will deal with the steady erosion of parts of the foreshore. And it will look at making better use of the southern point of the bay opposite the area where the cats rig.

Meanwhile your committee is giving urgent attention to infrastructure for launching boats from the shore in lieu of the two existing ramps. Tom Ayrton is presently assessing arrangements for a replacement to at least one of the existing ramps that can be put in place before the next Summer season. The idea is that it would be capable of being moved if necessary as part of the integrated solution when that is finalised. Your committee expects to be able to decide upon this in the near future.



Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of ACT Sailing Inc will be held on Tuesday, August 22, 2000 at 8:00 pm in the functions room of the Canberra Southern Cross Yacht Club,

Mariner Drive, Yarralumla

The agenda of the meeting will be:

1. Confirm the minutes of the previous AGM
2. Commodore's report
3. Financial report
4. Election of Committee

Nomination forms for election of members to the committee will be available from the Office Manager by Tuesday, August 1.

The Commodore's report and the audited financial statement will be available on request from the Office Manager by Tuesday, August 15.

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The Story of ARCHIE the WHALE and the Winter Series

The Winter Series has been progressing very well this season with a good turnout of boats, excellent breezes, at least for the last few races, and always a very relaxing social atmosphere in the Sailors' Cabin following the race. This has been created largely by the ladies of the "Chardonnay Club" with the provision of delicious home-made soup and fresh bread rolls to warm the sailors coming in off the water.

On July 2 we had an additional interest with the launch of a new children's book, The Story of Archie the Whale and how he missed the Olympics by local author Eleanor Stodart. Eleanor wished to have the launch at the club since she has been associated with the sailing world for many years, and her son Hugh is a former champion sailor from Canberra, and currently sails a 49er, the Olympic class that Archie disrupts in Sydney harbour. Archie couldn't understand why everyone cheered him when he swam under the boats in Hervey Bay, but yelled at him in Sydney when he did the same to the start boat!

Hugh came down from Sydney with his boat for the launch; talked to the Sailing Academy participants in the morning, took part in the race, and had the boat on display afterwards.

The "Chardonnay Club" supplied casseroles as a change from the soup, Hugh officially launched the book, and a good time was had by all.

Ross Wylde-Browne

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Awards for CYC Presentations 1999-2000

Championship

	1st	2nd	3rd
IA	P Fitzwarryne	Geoff Gillett	D Knights
2	C Ablett	D Milligan	S Harvie
3	P Russell	P Forster	C Brown
4	M Linsley	J Tracey	N Gellie
5	A Horobin		
6	M Dunn	D Riding	B Freestone
IB	C Kenyon	M Gillingham	M van der Hoek

Division

Pointscore

	1st	2nd
IA	I Brokenshire	D Knights
2	D Milligan	C Ablett
3	P Fulligar	P Forster
4	J Tracey	N Gellie
5	A Horobin	
6	M Dunn	B Freestone
IB	C Kenyon	M Gillingham	G Reeves

Division

Perpetual Award Winners

Most improved Senior Skipper	G Wykes
Crew Person of the Year	H Nella Moebus
Yachtswoman of the Year	Anita Smith
Yachtsman of the Year	M Linsley, P Russell
Club Member of teh Year	Terri Ebrill

Next newsletter will have an article on the CYC's Junior sailors which will have details of their trophy winners and their achievements for 99/2000.

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Dear Member

Please find attached your invitation to renew your membership for the next financial year, together with an invoice for fees.

Boat parking applications are provided for your prompt return for approval. Please ensure you comply with the regulations to ensure the retention of your parking space. I draw your attention to the insurance cover for your boat and ask that you give us details of your policy number.

The Canberra Southern Cross Club is expecting standards of boat park tidiness to be enforced in order to present the clubs' image in an attractive manner. We are also expected to receive fees for storage based upon a market rate of a level comparative with similar facilities interstate and generate income for our activities in recognition of the considerable assistance provided in the expansion of parking facilities for trailer yachts. The fees applied reflect the result of this analysis.

Other fee changes include the need to cover our operating overheads and charges will compare vary favourably with membership at other sporting clubs.

Would you please complete the membership form including details of your boat and return it in conjunction with payment of sailing race fees. Also would you complete the boat storage application (if applicable) and enclose with your payment.

Kindly settle your account by the 18 August 2000.

Yours sincerely

Peter Dalton
Director
Member Services

Canberra Yacht Club

Commodore's Report 1999-2000

A year of achievement and consolidation in this the 40th year of our foundation.

Overview

Three years ago the Canberra Yacht Club (CYC) was a small group of just over 200 active members, which had just been financially rescued by the Canberra Southern Cross Club (CSCC). The CSCC assigned to us the responsibility of managing the obligation under the lease to "conduct boating activity". But the CYC had lost its name, its assets, its staff, and its office accommodation. It had no defined direction, except to run racing and an entry-level sailing school.

Moreover, the CYC faced a future in which life-styles were changing fast. The number of people in the community committing to structured competition was declining across all sports and the infrastructure of our site was inferior to competing attractions.

It is now clear that, quite apart from the financial situation of the CYC in the years leading up to the takeover, fundamental changes were taking place in the whole landscape of sport and leisure. The pace and extent of those changes have challenged sporting administrators at club, state and national levels.

The effects across the sport of sailing have been outlined by papers to the recent AYF Annual Conference by Graeme Murphy of the Australian Institute of Sport and by our Neil Primrose. The conference papers are in the Sailors' Cabin for members to peruse. It is salutary, with hindsight, to see just how massive and rapid have been the changes the CYC has faced.

The CYC has emerged from three years of restructuring and development as a strong, well reputed and growing institution that is fronting a new phase in its history.

The CYC has been re-positioned to meet the demands of its members and the wider community in a very different market than existed at the beginning of the last decade.

This has not been achieved by chance. Nor has it been easy. Your committee did not always define the changes that have swirled around the CYC as clearly at the time as we all can with hindsight, but it has been both innovative and determined in positioning the CYC to make the most of them.

We have provided leadership; improved services to members; lifted the quality of our administration; worked effectively with the CSCC; enhanced the CYC's presentation and public profile; contributed to the development of higher level administration of our sport; and taken sailing out to the community in a way that effectively relates to new life-styles and leisure demands of members and potential members alike.

The CSCC now views the CYC as the best run of all the fifty or so clubs with which it is associated.

In retiring from office at the end of this term, I look back with pride and appreciation at what three successive executives have achieved. It has been rewarding to work with committed and talented people to build this new phase of growth for the club we love so much. I wish to thank those people for their fellowship, their commitment and their vision.

Your current committee

I am continually amazed by the efforts of a group of people who are willing to voluntary devote many hours a week to manage club activities. This is even more remarkable in the knowledge that these people mostly hold full time positions or manage their own businesses.

Sailing is a complex sport to manage and sailors demand high standards of administration and feedback. On both counts I feel that I can report "mission accomplished".

My eternal thanks go to all executive members and their names deserve mention: Neil Primrose, Robert Marsh, Robert Bain, Peter Dalton, David Townsend, Robert Saunders and Tom Ayrton.

Many thanks must be passed on to our part-time office staff – Carol Wylde-Browne and Barbara Van Der Hoek. There have also been numerous volunteers who have performed in many capacities. I hope to mention all their names throughout this report. We have a dedicated full time Director of the sailing school, Sean O'Regan who has built the name of the school into a valuable asset.

Our silent partner in this wonderful sport has been the CSCC. With the support of the CSCC Board and the regular assistance and advice of the CSCC General Manager, Peter Head, I can report that the relationship is firm and cooperative.

Developing our financial base

We are further advanced with implementing the very challenging Strategy and Business Plan than envisaged when it was endorsed at the AGM in October 1998.

The club's revenue has exceeded $155,000 this financial year compared to $95,000 in 1999 and $84,000 in 1998. Notwithstanding this creditable jump in revenue due to the success of the sailing school, new boat parking revenue and better cash management practices, administrative costs have grown commensurate with membership demands and an increase in activity around the club. (For the detail of our finances, please refer to the audit statement available separately.)

The club's office is being staffed for longer hours as membership demands grow. These demands cover such issues as general membership information, boat parking, learning to sail inquiries, and increased financial management requirements. Some preliminary expenditure was required in preparatory work for the proposed boat hire operation. The implementation of the GST was also a factor. Significant executive committee and office staff time was devoted to preparations for this change to the club's financial operations.

The employed staff of the club now comprises:

- an Office Manager (part time hours by two people with half day overlap);
- a part time Bosun;
- a full-time Director of the sailing school; and
- eight part time assistant instructors of the sailing school.

The Capital Purchase Program of $175,000 provided by the CSCC covering the three-year period to the end of June 2000, has been fully expended re-equipping the sailing school and adding to the inventory of power boats.

Your executive worked hard in consultation with stakeholders to prepare a follow-on funding program for the next three years. I should like to acknowledge the work of Cleaver Elliott in working through the issues with many interested people and preparing the final submission document. I am very pleased to announce, if you do not already know, that the CSCC has approved a further funding program off $225,000 over the next three years.

Work is in hand to proceed with the first tranche of purchases under the new program for acquisition of assets for the sailing school and boat hire operation, race management and rescue services.

Provision is also made in this grant for start up support for the employment of an operations/general manager, in the event the club decides to proceed with such an appointment.

Revenue from the assets provided under these grants adds to the revenue made available to the club from managing the boat parking and under-cover storage facilities. The CSCC also provides utilities free of charge, insurance for items purchased under the capital grants programs. At the same time it does not require a CYC contribution to the rates it pays for the site. All up, this represents substantial support and we express our appreciation to the Board of the CSCC.

Not surprisingly, the CSCC Board is of the view that they have set us up handsomely to earn our way. From the end of this new capital program (June 2003), the CSCC expects us to manage the facilities they have provided us in a cost-effective manner commensurate with their value.

The club's future viability now rests with our ability to attract and appoint office bearers who have high levels of strategic and business skills required to manage the CYC's affairs and assets (including human assets). The challenge for club members is to support and encourage those officials.

Developing the administration and club operating procedures

The club's management systems and procedures have been continuously improved to accord with best practice standards of management and accountability. The library area in the Sailors' Cabin was rearranged and copies of all policy documents, reports and strategy documents are made available for members to examine and make comment should they wish.

Office opening hours were extended to meet demand from members and the wider community. Mrs Barbara Van Der Hoek was recruited to job share with Mrs Carol Wylde-Browne as office manager. I also staffed the office for a period on Saturdays during early summer to respond to a constant flow of inquiries about membership, the sailing school and club activities.

The Vice Commodore and myself were in frequent contact with CSCC management and we met with the General Manager on a regular basis to coordinate matters of mutual interest. The club's committee arranged a sailing afternoon and barbecue for members of the CSCC Board and committee members have represented the club at various functions arranged by the CSCC for the clubs with which it is associated.

One matter of concern to me is the lack of day to day management oversight of office and other club staff. Care has been taken to employ people who can be self-starters with initiative. However, as the club continues to grow its services, the time will come when it will be necessary to engage a person with high level management and strategic skills to give daily direction and leadership. Such a person would also be able to take some of the workload off committee members. This is one matter that I will have to leave to an incoming committee to address in consultation with the membership.

Corporate services

The club now operates a sophisticated accounting package, which includes provision for the GST, and considerable staff and management time was devoted to the new tax environment. I would like to acknowledge here the work of Carol Wylde-Browne for her efforts to master the intricacies of the GST. I would be remiss if I failed to mention the support of Ross Wylde-Browne given to Carol in this important task.

The club's computer system has been progressively up-graded to keep pace with the increasing sophistication of the club's administration. I note with appreciation the computing support provided by Chris Kenyon.

A risk management strategy has been developed to a draft stage and arrangements for this to be completed for implementation at the outset of the summer season are under way. This has been a major undertaking and my

appreciation is extended to Neil Primrose and David Townsend for coordinating and Tom Ayrton and Jo Colbert who prepared the draft plan.

Membership services

The CYC now has 566 members (including 58 life members). This compares to 335 members three years ago (including then 69 life members). The membership includes 30 women members, 19 junior males and 4 junior females. In addition to these numbers, the family membership category includes 67 children and 73 women.

After-race social activities have been made a regular feature of membership services and they have been progressively improved. Thanks to Peter Dalton, enthusiastic class representatives and the group of sociable women members who have contributed to these occasions. Improvements in this area are set to continue now that the new kitchen in the Sailors' Cabin has been installed. While it took a while, the kitchen fit out is just what we need. The work and planning approval was carried out by the CSCC at a cost of over $5,000. My thanks to all concerned.

Additional fifty slots have increased the external boat parking and they were filled immediately. The undercover boat storage has been redesigned and the facilities considerably improved. The financial support of the CSCC was pivotal in the development of the new boat park. The total cost was over $70,000. Rearrangement of the under-cover boat storage was undertaken by Richard McArdle and assisted by Paul Barry. My appreciation to them for a dirty and tough job and thanks to Rob Saunders for taking on the management of under-cover storage. I think everyone would agree that these new and upgraded facilities are wonderful additions to the enjoyment of sailing for our members. Members may not be aware of the behind the scene work by Neil Primrose and Peter Dalton who negotiated the boat park initiative with the CSCC and the work by Steve Langlands in organising and implementing a smooth strategy to fill the park. My thanks to Steve and his team.

The club has also made a proposal to the CSCC for additional tie-up facilities for trailable yachts next to the existing public jetty, together with a launching crane and hardstand. This is a long term undertaking but one that will be very worthwhile. Thanks to Peter Russell for his work in preparing the proposal.

Foreshore launching ramps are to be replaced. Thanks to Tom Ayrton for organising this work. I should mention that landscaping undertaken in the front of the clubhouse is also an amenity that has spin-offs for our enjoyment of the site, particularly by dinghy sailors and sailing school clients. The CSCC has allocated a "handy-man" to improve the look of the site. I have noticed many improvements around the club including tidy up work to the southern boat park.

The presentation lunch was a wonderful and happy event. Thanks to Peter Dalton and Rob Marsh for their organization.

The production and distribution of club newsletters over this reporting period have been a great success. Nine newsletters have been dispatched – one every six weeks! I cannot recall a time in the club's history when information about club development and activities has been so regularly communicated to the membership. My deep appreciation is extended to contributors, Ross Peak (editor), and Terri Ebrill who organised teams to fold and address the newsletters. Thanks also to Derek Kelly who has helped to keep printing costs to a minimum.

The CYC has been asked by the CSCC to provide advice on its usage and space needs in a possible new club building for the CSCC's planning processes. It is possible, depending on progress in negotiations with the government over other developments, that the CSCC may bring forward its timetable for developing the Lotus Bay site. Thanks to Cleaver Elliott who has offered to take on a process of consultation to develop a statement of needs.

Racing

Numbers of competitors involved in racing during this sailing season were:

- Summer 122
- Twilight 102
- Winter 30 (approx)

Principal race officers were arranged for the last Winter Series (Darren Knights), the Twilight Series (Martin Van der Hoek) and the present Winter Series (Don McMichael), with significant improvements to the quality of race administration. Our appreciation to them and the teams they gathered around them.

Results management was improved with *Top Yacht* ® programming. Chris Kenyon has been a stalwart in mastering the software and arranging training and information sessions. Great job Chris. While speaking of results I must mention the unflagging commitment Daphne Fullagar has given throughout this season in producing race results. Thank you.

New race management arrangements have been made for the coming summer season. These arrangements should enhance race management practices, spread the load more democratically across the full racing membership, and most importantly, keep as many boats as possible on the water each week. I hope all racing sailors support this innovation. Thanks to Peter Fullager for the idea and for pursuing implementation of the initiative.

The trailable yacht divisions are strong and growing. The Flying Fifteen fleet continues to be a significant element of the club's life. Numbers in the dinghy classes, which have generally been in decline over recent years, have stabilised around the Laser, Contender and Sharpie classes.

The stage has been set for growth with the Flying 11s and the 29ers now being raced by the Youth Sail Academy and private boats being acquired. A local group has been formed under the leadership of Mike Gallagher to promote the 29er class and manage Canberra boats on a regatta circuit. A similar group is planned for the Flying 11 class. Crews from the Youth Sail Academy are also racing with the YMCA Sailing Club on Saturday afternoons.

The CYC now promotes the growth of energetic classes through its *Preferred Class Policy*. I hope classes will take up the benefits of this scheme in the coming summer season.

The Race Support Unit now comprises some thirty-five people. I would be remiss if I did not note my deep appreciation to Terrie Ebrill for coordinating the RSU roster and to all members of the Unit for their time and service.

I also note that the Sailing Users' Group continues to make a useful contribution to the development of our racing services and program.

The CYC hosted the inaugural *ACT 29er Championships* that attracted seven interstate and local boats. Thanks to Nicky Bethwaite for her support. It is understood that the event this year will be run in the form or a coached regatta.

Other regattas hosted by the CYC during this past season were: the ACT Dingy Titles, ACT Trailable Yacht Championships, NSW and ACT TYA Championship Race and the ACT F15 Titles. I would like to acknowledge all the people involved in organising and holding these events. My appreciation also goes to Paul Fitzwarryne who provided advice on many aspects of these regattas including notices of race, sailing instructions and race management.

Promotion, marketing and sponsorship

Uniforms have been provided to staff and volunteers to improve the club's presentation and professional image.

We were very fortunate to attract new sponsorship for the Winter Series from *Carlton & United Breweries* and the CSCC.

Queensland Yacht Charters provided a weeks free chartering in the Whitsundays. This prize was based on the number of races members participated in, with a

minimum of 10 races required to the eligible.

The Deakin Health Spa donated 6 memberships as prizes and they were awarded, one per class, to the winner of a nominated championship event.

Special thanks to Shane Russel-Smith for $5,000 sponsorship of the Youth Sail Academy from CMI Building Services.

Rob Saunders reviewed the ACT Sailing Inc web site for content, accessibility and structure. The review indicated the need for a new site that would more effectively market and promote the CYC and the CYC sailing school as well as provide members with better access to club facilities and information. A business plan for a new web site was developed and approved. Thanks to Rob Saunders in conjunction with Nick Hilliard for developing the tender documents and assessing proposals to best meet our requirements. Work to implement a new site that will be more easily maintained and kept up to date is proceeding following the approval of a new domain name. The successful company is developing the new web site and it should be on line by mid September 2000. Trained CYC members will manage the web site with technical support provided by the successful company.

Signage around the clubhouse was completed this year so that even the most casual visitor can see that there is an active club with a range of facilities on the site. Yacht club signs have also been added to intersections close to the club.

Recreational sailing

The first *Try and Buy Day* at the start of the sailing season was a grand success. My thanks to David Townsend and Nick Hilyard and their team and all those classes and boat owners who participated on the day. It was a wonderful occasion show casing the CYC and the sport of sailing. This event was held on the same day as the club celebrated its 40th anniversary with a dinner. Thanks to David Townsend who organized the dinner. The aim of the boat show was to promote the club, the CSCC and the site and to emphasize our leading role in developing sailing and providing a focus for water sports in the ACT.

Sailing school

Development of the Sailing School is ahead of schedule, with the teaching program now diversified from basic level training into intermediate training and a start made on advanced coaching of both children and adults. Over six hundred people (children, teenagers and adults) have gone through the school during this season. Most of the children's courses have been fully subscribed and the adult courses have been similarly well supported.

New boats (29ers and Flying 11s) were purchased and brought into commission in September. The Chief Minister, Kate Carnell, formally launched these craft.

The inventory of the school has grown with the swap of the Skyriders for five Sabots from Tuggeranong Scouts, the acquisition of a fourth Corsair, a fourth Flying 11 and two Hobie 16s.

The Minister for Sport and Recreation, Bill Stephaniak launched the Youth Sailing Academy in February. There are more applicants than places available and a junior division has been created to cope with demand. A strong leadership team has been recruited and there is a waiting list of people who want to work on the staff of the Academy. Results from two recent interstate 29er regattas and the Australian Schools Championship at Lake Macquarie confirm the high standard of sailing already reached by members of the Academy. Thanks to Tom Ayrton and Wendy Parish for the development of the Business Plan for the Youth Sail Academy.

The Sailing School returned a healthy trading surplus to the club's overall financial outcome this year. This is made possible by the financial support from the CSCC for the assets of the school noted earlier.

Thanks to Sean and Wendy for their dedication and enthusiasm. Thanks to the team of accredited instructors and to the guest coaches who have been involved in the school's programs. Thanks also to our

office staff and volunteers who fielded enquires and assisted with school administration.

My congratulations to the Sailing School Board consisting of Neil Primrose (Chair), Sean O'Regan, Tom Ayrton, Teki Dalton, Nick Hildyard, Fiona Jinman, Tanya Stacpoole and Brian Sweeney who have guided the development of the school and supported Sean. Their input into this highly successful enterprise cannot be under estimated.

A significant number of people are inquiring about hiring boats for recreational sailing and preparations for a high quality boat hire operation has been largely completed. Thanks to Peter Manley and Tom Ayrton for developing the business plan.

The business name and domain name of *Sail Canberra* has been registered as the basis for the combined sailing school and boat hire operation. Sean assumes the role of Director, *Sail Canberra* and the Board of the Sailing School does what it was doing all along and is now formally acknowledged as the Board of *Sail Canberra*.

Sail Canberra is being presented to the public as a division of the CYC. It will operate under the club's logo and the signage of the operation will clearly identify it a part of the CYC. It will lift our profile in the community. It positions the CYC to meet challenges of moves to recreation leisure activities and to make the most of the opportunities that shift brings for us. Our aim is to make the CYC a fun place for recreation as well as racing.

Thanks especially to Nick Hildyard for the regular promotional work of the sailing school and especially for a most professional marketing plan for *Sail Canberra*.

Commencement of boat hire operations has been delayed, initially by the complexities of gaining the necessary licenses, and recently by the ACT government levying a betterment tax at a rate the CSCC felt was unreasonable. Action was taken by the CSCC before the Administrative Appeals Tribunal for redress. The CYC played a central role in the CSCC case. I am pleased to report that the appeal was successful and the CSCC is now applying to the NCA for a licence. My thanks to Neil Primrose who provided much time and intellectual input into this matter.

Contribution to higher level of administration of our sport

A group of club members has played a leading part in reviewing the roles and structure of the YA of the ACT to align it with current circumstances. This work is being extended to review of the structure of the AYF. Members should be made aware of the work our Vice Commodore has played in this process.

Over the past two years, John Whitfield, Neil Primrose and Don McMichael have served on the Executive of the YA of the ACT. They have played a leading part in reviewing the roles and structure of the YA to sharpen its focus in support of clubs and to align it with current circumstances. They are now heavily involved in implementing the YA's new roles.

Paul Fitzwarryne has taken over from John Kennedy as Treasurer of the YA. Peter Fullager continues his longstanding role as chair of the Racing Rules Committee and Darren Knights has been appointed to chair the newly restructured Training Coordination Committee.

The work of the YA's Executive is now being extended to review the roles and structure of the AYF/MYAs.

Finally

Thank you all for your support during my term as Commodore.

Robert Redfern
July 2000

AUDIT REPORT

2000

TO THE MEMBERS OF

CANBERRA YACHT CLUB

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To the Members
CANBERRA YACHT CLUB
Independent Auditor's Report
for the year ended 30 June 2000

Scope

We have audited the financial report of Canberra Yacht Club for the year ended 30 June 2000, as set out on the following pages. The Committee of the Club is responsible for the presentation of the accounts and the information contained therein. We have conducted an independent audit of the accounts in order to express an opinion on them to the Members of the Club.

Our audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards to provide a reasonable level of assurance as to whether the accounts are free of material misstatements. Our procedures included examination on a test basis of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the accounts, and the evaluation of accounting policies and significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion as to whether, in all material respects, the accounts are presented fairly in accordance with Australian Accounting concepts and standards and statutory requirements so as to present a view of the Club which is consistent with our understanding of its Financial position and the results of its operations.

The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

Audit Opinion

In our opinion, the financial report presents a true and fair view of the financial position of Canberra Yacht Club as at 30th June, 2000, and the results of its operations for the period then ended, in accordance with the Australian Accounting Standards and to comply with the provisions of the Associations Incorporation's ACT, 1991 of the Australian Capital Territory.

Peter Womack
DAWSON & WOMACK
Chartered Accountants

Canberra

Dated:...30 July 2000

CANBERRA YACHT CLUB

BALANCE SHEET

as at 30 June 2000

	Notes	1999 $	2000 $
Members Capital & Reserves			
Opening Balance		23,043	32,378
Profit (Deficit) for Year		9,335	(9,193)
Closing Balance		**32,378**	**23,185**
Represented by:			
Current Assets			
Cash at Bank	5	26,345	12,674
Petty Cash		570	610
Prepayments & Debtors		1,427	6,575
Total Current Assets		28,342	19,859
Non Current Assets			
Equipment at Cost		6,462	16,407
Less Accumulated Depreciation		(716)	(3,852)
Equipment under Lease		0	7,899
Less Accumulated Amortisation		0	(1,303)
Total Non Current Assets		5,746	19,151
Total Assets		34,088	39,010
Current Liabilities			
Leases		0	2,616
Provisions		0	3,676
Creditors		1,710	5,434
Total Current Liabilities		1,710	11,726
Non Current Liabilities			
Leases		0	4,099
Total Non Current Liabilities		0	4,099
Total Liabilities		1,710	15,825
Net Assets		**32,378**	**23,185**

CANBERRA YACHT CLUB

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENTS

for the year ended 30th June 2000

	1999	2000
COMMODORE		
Expenses & Net	**0**	**(600)**
VICE COMMODORE		
Expenses & Net	**0**	**(400)**
CORPORATE SERVICES		
Total Income	9539	116
Total Income	9,539	116
Expenditure		
Accounting & Audit	960	1,435
Advertising & Promotion	2,250	301
Bank Fees	344	582
Boat storage	1,111	0
Capital Payments	9,405	0
Depreciation & Amortisation	716	4,439
Entertainment	0	445
Flag Officer	1,560	0
General	2,073	590
Insurance	2,633	5,846
Lease Fees	0	1,527
Postage Stationery & Office Costs	3,627	1,571
Repairs & Maintenance	0	259
Salaries & On Costs	8,307	24,585
Staff Training & Seminars	0	229
Volunteer	0	243
Telephone & Fax	1,886	783
Total	34,872	42,835
NET CORPORATE SERVICES	**-25,333**	**-42,719**
RACING		
Income		
Race Entry fees	12,071	17,811
AYF Fees	0	3,478
Championship fees	1,825	0
Catering	3,410	1,500
Total Income	17,306	22,789
Expenditure		
Advertising & Promotion	243	541
General	832	4,176
Catering	4,215	3,397
Office Costs	0	775
Repairs & Maintenance	0	3,227
Trophies & Prizes	8,659	5,145
Salaries	300	850
Volunteers	0	650
Total	14,249	18,761
NET RACING	**3,057**	**4,028**

CANBERRA YACHT CLUB

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENTS

for the year ended 30th June 2000

PROMOTION & MARKETING

Sundry	0	170
Total Income	0	170
Expenditure		
Advertising & Promotion	0	3,014
General	0	68
Office Costs	0	2,538
Total	0	5,620
NET PROMOTION & MARKETING	**0**	**(5,450)**

SAILING SCHOOL

Income		
Fees	25,173	72,472
Salary Reimbursement	0	7,477
Total Income	25,173	79,949
Expenditure		
Advertising & Promotion	2,317	2,862
Bonus	0	3,111
Entertainment	0	1,671
General	1,687	1,453
Hire Charges	0	0
Insurance	0	898
Operations	35	40
Postage & Stationery	0	3,180
Repairs & Maintenance	571	4,703
Rescue Running	0	1,234
Salaries & On Costs	17,691	39,438
Superannuation	1,214	2,716
Staff Training & Seminars	1,800	1,345
Volunteer	2,535	8,420
Telephone & Fax	1,009	2,236
Total	28,859	73,307
NET SAILING SCHOOL	**(3,686)**	**6,642**

CANBERRA YACHT CLUB

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENTS (CONT)

for the year ended 30th June 2000

	1999	2000
MEMBER SERVICES		
Income		
Boat Storage	27,089	29,686
Members subscription	10,397	13,463
Grants & Sponsorship	1,130	0
Club Insignia	80	1,075
Room Hire & Functions	3,060	9,136
General Operations	780	225
Total	42,536	53,585
Expenditure		
Advertising & Promotion	0	7,277
Function purchases	0	5,601
Fuel & Oil	716	0
Repairs & Maintenance	2,573	1,449
Contract Labour	3,950	0
Sundry	0	3,848
Total	7,239	18,175
NET MEMBER SERVICES	**35,297**	**35,410**
BOAT HIRE		
Income		
Sundry	0	475
Total Income	0	475
Expenditure		
Salaries & On Costs	0	6,402
Telephone & Fax	0	177
Total	0	6,579
NET BOAT HIRE	0	(6,104)
SUMMARY ALL OPERATIONS		
Commodore	0	(600)
Vice Commodore	0	(400)
Corporate Services	(25,333)	(42,719)
Racing	3,057	4,028
Promotion & Marketing	0	(5,450)
Sailing School	(3,686)	6,642
Member Services	35,297	35,410
Boat Hire	0	(6,104)
TOTAL ALL CENTRES	**9,335**	**(9,193)**

CANBERRA YACHT CLUB

NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE ACCOUNTS

for the year ended 30th June 2000

Note 1 STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The club operates as a social and sporting club in Yarralumla A.C.T. The accounting policies adopted by the club in its accounts are in accordance with the accounting standards issued by the Australian Accounting bodies and generally accepted accounting principles.

This year, the classification and presentation of some cost centres has been altered and this has impacted on the presentation of some comparative amounts.

a) Historical Cost Accounting

The accounts have been prepared under the Historical Cost Convention and except where stated, have not been adjusted to take into account changing values

b) Depreciation

Depreciation is provided on all non-current assets so as to write them off over their expected useful lives Non current assets are reviewed annually and unserviceable or obsolete assets are written off. The rate of depreciation used ranges from 20% to 33%.

Note 2 INCOME TAX

The Income Tax Assessment Act, 1997 (amended) provides that under the concept of mutuality clubs are only assessed for income tax on the proportion of income derived from non-members. In view of the above it is not considered appropriate to compare income tax expense with the operating result as disclosed in the Income & Expenditure Statement. No income tax is payable for the Club this year.

Note 3 EXPENDITURE COMMITMENTS

	1999	2000
Finance leases:		
not later than one year	0	2,856
later than one year and not later than two years	0	2,831
later than two year and not later than five years	0	1,543
Total minimum payments	0	7,230
Future finance charges	0	(515)
Lease liability	0	6,715
Current liability	0	2,616
Non current liability	0	4,099
Total	0	6,715

Note 4 AUDIT FEES

Amounts received by auditors for audit services	960	1,000
Amounts received by auditors for other services	0	0

		1999	2000
Note 5	**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**		
	Cash Flows from operating activities		
	Receipts from patrons	85,015	157,084
	Payments to suppliers & employees	88,642	159,586
	Net Cash Flow from Operating Activities	**(3,627)**	**(2,502)**
	Cash Flows from Investing Activities		
	Net Cash Flow from Investing Activities		
	Payment for Plant and Equipment	5,940	11,129
	Net Increase (decrease) in cash held	**(9,567)**	**(13,631)**
	Cash at Beginning of Year	36,482	26,915
	Cash at end of the year	**26,915**	**13,284**

NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

a) Reconciliation of Cash

Cash on Hand	26,345	12,674
Petty Cash	570	610
Total Cash	**26,915**	**13,284**

b) Reconciliation of Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities to Operating Loss

Operating Profit/(Loss)	9,335	(9,193)
Depreciation & Amortisation	716	4,439
Changes in Assets and Liabilities		
Increase in Creditors & Provisions	(12,251)	7,400
Decrease in Current Assets	(1,427)	(5,148)
Cash Flow from Operations	**(3,627)**	**(2,502)**

CANBERRA YACHT CLUB
Statement by Management Committee

In accordance with the Associations Incorporation's Act 1991, the management Committee of Canberra Yacht Club state the following in regard to the year ended 30 June 2000.

A The names of the management Committee members during the financial year were:

Robert Redfern	Robert Saunders
Neil Primrose	Peter Dalton
Tom Ayrton	Robert Bain
David Townsend	Robert Marsh

No Management Committee member received either directly any fees, salaries or any other payments with the exception of the following.

Robert Redfern $600 expense allowance $200 free boat park
Neil Primrose$400 expense allowance $200 free boat park
Robert Marsh $600 expense allowance $200 free boat park
Tom Ayrton $400 expense allowance

B The principal activity of the Club during the financial period was the promotion of sailing activities and facilities

During the year there was no change in the principal activity.

C The result of the Club's operations for the year was a deficit of $9,193.

D The attached profit and loss account gives a true and fair view of the Club's profit for the year ended 30 June 2000.

E The attached balance sheet gives a true and fair view of the Club's state of affairs as at 30 June 2000 and

F There are when this statement is made, reasonable grounds to believe that the Club will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Committee

R B Redfern ..... Commodore

..... DIRECTOR - CORPORATE SERVICES.

14/08/00.

Dated 14 · 8 · 00 ,2000

Dawson & Womack

Chartered Accountants **Business Consultants**

4 August 2000

The Committee

Canberra Yacht Club

P.O. 2035

Canberra 2601

Dear Sir,

30 June 2000 Audit

We have now completed the Audit of the Club's financial records for the year ended 30 June 2000 and enclose signed copies for your records. The Club has reported a deficit of $9,193 for the year (1999 surplus $9,335).A summary of major account balances from within the accounts is as follows.

Balance Sheet	2000	1999
Current Assets	$19,859	$28,342
Total Assets	$39,010	$34,088
Net Assets	$23,185	$32,378
Operations		
Revenue	$157,084	$85,015
Expenses	$166,277	$75,680

Our testing of the accounting systems did not reveal any material weaknesses or breakdowns of internal controls and the accounting records have been well maintained. We note that a new, more detailed system for the reconciliation of bankings, with receipts issued, is being implemented. This will ensure an accurate audit trail of revenue is established and we suggest that these summaries are prepared for all bankings. The staff member performing this check should also initial the summary as evidence that the check has been performed satisfactorily.

Please contact me if there are any aspect of the accounts that you wish to discuss.

Yours faithfully, 4.8.00

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Sailing News

October 2000

Canberra Yacht Club

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A beautiful sight: Soling match racing finals off the Opera House. CYC members were there, wearing colourful Olympic volunteer shirst as they helped gather the results from all the sailing events. Read more about their efforts inside.

Commodore's Column

Neil Primrose

Great to see the high on which our Olympic volunteers returned home. Their experiences make for fascinating listening and were obviously very special. We look forward to their enthusiasm and their example touching us all.

Good to see Australia's substantial standing in the Olympic sailing results. We will be working hard at club, territory and national level to make sure the spin-off from that comes back to sailors in Canberra. That is one of the dividends we should expect from the membership fees we have each paid to the Australian Yachting Federation through the Yachting Association of the ACT over the years to support, in part, the high performance sailing program

A great deal of energy has been generated from your committee's planning day (see separate report). I'm very pleased with the blend of youth and experience we have on the committee, with the beginnings of a better gender balance and with the blend of management experience and sailing experience. The committee is shaking down well and we are enjoying working together.

Thanks to Nick Hildyard who has taken on the position of Director, Promotion and Marketing and to the others who have volunteered to help with the range of our activities.

It's good to see the sailing school classes and the Youth Sailing Academy under way again for the season. Matthew Owen's presence as the second professional in the Sail Canberra operation is already making an important difference. At the time of writing this, I hope it will be no more than a couple of weeks before we have the license to commence the boat hire operation. Already the number of people making casual inquiries about hiring boats has been substantial.

Meanwhile, we welcome the new members who have joined our club and we look forward to their enjoying our company, both on the water and ashore.

Best wishes.

The 2000 Australian Team Racing Championship

Martin Linsley

Over the weekend of May 20-21 many of Australia's top dinghy sailors congregated in Sydney for the 2000 Australian National Team Racing Championship. Canberra sailors were amongst them.

As with last year's championship, the two-day regatta was sailed from Sydney's Balmoral Sailing Club. Entries were by invitation, as the competition is limited to 12 teams.

The ACT team was from YMCA SC and consisted of Bruce Paine, Andrew Reed, Iain Davidson, Trent Davidson, Danny Keys and Hamish Nichol. The CYC was represented indirectly, for Jude Kennedy and I were sailing as members of the Navy team.

Nineteen of the RAN's red Tasar dinghies were therefore used, each sporting a mainsail with a colored panel to identify the six teams racing at any time.

The racing was managed using a round-robin format, so that each team sailed 11 matches, and a total of 56 races were completed. The course was M-shaped and, as the average length of each race was about 12 minutes, its legs were short! Fortunately the weather conditions were favorable, enabling the program to be completed as planned. On the Saturday, light NW breezes of between 3-8 knots prevailed. Sunday's racing began in stronger breezes which gradually decreased in strength as the day progressed.

Although our Navy team had multiple state and higher-level Tasar championship credits, we were conscious of our lack of recent practice in the highly tactical and combined skills of team racing. We were right to be! Boat handling and tactical skills consistently proved more important than boat speed. In our first set of five match races the Navy team won just one. Too often a single silly slip led to place-changes that couldn't be recouped. However, with stronger winds giving greater emphasis to boat handling for the second set our results improved, and a two wins to one loss record was achieved. This ratio was reversed in the final set of three matches though, with the result that the Navy teams finished with a 4-7 win-loss ratio and seventh place overall.

By late on Sunday afternoon, the championship had been won by a team assembled by Hugh Stodart from Middle Harbour YC. It won 10 of its 11 races, being beaten only by a team from Queensland. Second was the team from Royal Prince Alfred YC on a count back from Connells Point SC (both from NSW). Fourth was Queensland's Lucus Downs team, last year's equal winners who then represented Australia in the World Team Racing Championship in the USA.

The ACT team finished 5th overall after winning six of their races. This was a good result, as some of the team members were new to team racing.

Team racing is high-octane competition! If ordinary racing has become a bit 'ho-hum' for you, why not try it out with a few sailing chums?

As I walked around Regatta Point this morning it occurred to me how suitable the adjoining East Basin would be for a team racing competition. Good for competitors and great for spectators. Maybe, one day …

Performance Based Handicaps for trailerables

Martin van der Hoek

Handicaps based on past performance have been calculated and were introduced at the start of the current Summer race series. The handicaps are posted on the noticeboard in the Sailors Cabin.

The method of calculation was, and remains, fully computerised, thanks to a program written by Graham Wykes. This program picks up the race results in Top Yacht, looks at the elapsed times of all boats sailing the same course against a mark boat and calculates a handicap relative to the handicap of that mark boat. The program then goes back through the results and discards all those results that differ substantially from the average and recalculates the handicap. The program has also been able to calculate a factor to equate the Div IA and IB results, based on races where all boats sailed the same course.

Thanks also to 'Brutus' Kenyon who has been involved in setting the parameters and bringing the whole project together, saving me much time with pen, paper and calculator.

The new handicaps will be reviewed mid-season as more results are fed into the program. Boats that have not sailed the minimum six races to get a performance handicap will sail to their current NSW TYA handicap until the next review.

The future of women in sailing looks promising



CYC Yachtswoman of the Year 1999/2000

Anita Smith

- 4th - Women's NSW Laser Metropolitan Championships 1999
- 13thOverall & 6th Female - Sail Sydney Olympic Classic Regatta 1999
- 11th - Women's Australian Laser Championships 1999/2000
- 6th - Women's NSW& ACT State Laser Championships 2000

For Junior Achievement Samantha Gallagher

- Participant Youth Sailing Academy 1999/2000
- 29er Crew - 29er NSW State Titles.
- Flying 11 Crew - Combined High Schools Regatta NSW
- Flying 11 Crew - 2nd Dinghy Div 11 CYC Winter Series

Sam has only been sailing for a little over 18 months. She attended her first CYC school holiday sailing course in 1999 under the coaching of Sean O'Regan and hasn't looked back since. With great family support behind her, Sam is now a regular member of the Youth Sailing Academy and has teamed up with another young female member, Finnian Lattimore in a Flying 11. You'll see more of these two ladies on the water, so keep an eye out for them.



Yachting Association of the ACT

The Annual General Meeting of the Yachting Association of the ACT will be held on Thursday November 2 at 7:30 pm in the CYC Sailors' Cabin.

Club members who race and are members of the Yachting Association should attend.

Many people don't have much of an idea of what the Yachting Association does, but are happy to complain at having to pay fees to it and thence to the Australian Yachting Federation.

Successive committees of the CYC have worked hard to ensure the Yachting Association and the Australian Yachting Federation focus on those essential value-adding roles that support the clubs and that need a co-ordinating body to undertake. Commensurate with a tight focus on essential roles, the aim of your club's representatives on the Yachting Association and on the Australian Yachting Federation has been to contain fees and charges levied by the Yachting Association to the minimum needed to do undertake those roles.

Last year saw a constitutional amendment that substantially pared back of the roles of the Yachting Association to:

- Providing the international regulatory framework for the orderly conduct of yacht racing (including the structures to govern safety and the codification of legal liability) and the structures to manage compliance with the Racing Rules of Sailing.
- Assist the clubs with quality assurance in the application of the racing rules and the conduct of racing in the ACT
- Facilitation of good relations and, where appropriate, co-operation among the clubs that conduct sailing in the ACT
- Being a conduit of information from the national scene to individual sailors through their clubs
- Quality assurance in the accreditation of sailing schools and instructors in the ACT
- Representation of the ACT on the national body to ensure Canberra conditions and interests are appropriately reflected in the racing rules, the safety provisions, the sail training provisions and the allocation of support to development of the sport
- Representation of the sport to the NCA and the ACT Government in support of the clubs.

If you want to keep the work and the membership fees of the Yachting Association focussed on these essentials and if you want to ensure the Yachting Association continues to work in support of your club, you should roll up and engage with the business of the meeting.

There is no justification for complaints by those who don't attend. It's your Association.

Recreational Sailing

Cruise on Port Hacking
October long weekend

This cruise had to be postponed due to a lack of participants. Whether it was the lure of the Olympics, being volunteers at the Olympics or having to work as a result of the Olympics, the Olympics certainly conspired against the timing of this outing. On top of that there was illness, injury and, God forbid, family visiting from the UK, that prevented others from attending. Never mind, we'll find another date on the sailing calendar to slot this event in., although the lack of numbers didn't stop one Canberra boat from spending a week in the area. Good onya "Gypsy Blue".

Picnic and bike ride in the Tallaganda State Forest, near Captains Flat
Saturday November 11

This is an away cruise on mountain bikes! While some of us will want to explore the forest on bikes, the less adventurous can relax and enjoy a barbeque and picnic in a picturesque glen in the heart of the forest, called Lowden Forest Park. The ride will be restricted to the valley floor, along a gentle undulating fire trail winding towards Braidwood and Araluen. The intention is to ride the trail for about an hour and then turn back, picking up the stragglers on the return to the picnic area. All riders can partake at their own pace. The glen has spring water (i.e. drinkable) and wood-fueled fireplaces.

To get there, turn left off the Captains Flat road, through Hoskinstown and Rossi and into the Tallaganda. The total distance to the picnic area is the same as from Canberra to Captains Flat. For those who need guidance or wish to travel in convoy, please meet at the CYC at 9am on the day.

The bike ride will be on a sandy/gravel road and being deep in the forest it may be damp, particularly if it has rained in the previous 48 hours. The outing will be cancelled if there has been a downpour in the area the night before or bad weather is forecast - this place is best on a day when the sun filters through the canopy. The day is intended as a family outing and would suit all ages. Bikes can be transported in boots, on bike pegs or in trailers. It's obviously not the place to bring out a racing bike.

Contact person is Martin van der Hoek on 6254 6568 or vdhoek@netspace.net.au

St George's Basin cruise
November 18-19

This one is a definite must for those who want to cruise a beautiful waterway, spend a night or two on their boats (or in tents on shore) and sit around a campfire at night. I think I've said enough about this place previously so I won't go into too much detail. Suggest you launch at Basin View, leave your car and trailer in the park at the top of the adjoining reserve and head for the Aloha Caravan Park (turn left when you come out of the bay) if the winds are northerly. If there's little or no wind or a southerly blowing, sail to One Tree Bay (straight ahead and slightly to the right). Both camp sites are within sight of each other. All boats will remain in the area until noon on the Saturday or then sail in convoy to Sanctuary Point. Where we go from there next depends on the wind and the weather. Set your marine radio to the call up frequency of 88.

Last year we had 20 boats. Let's see if we can better that this year. This cruise would suit those intending to cruise for the first time and/or the experienced sailors. Don't forget to bring a fold up table and chairs and your own food and water … and a bottle of port!

Contact person is Martin van der Hoek on 6254 6568 or vdhoek@netspace.net.au

Gift Vouchers

Having trouble deciding on a present to give?

Why not give a sailing course!

What better way to spend this summer than feeling the wind in your hair, relaxing and enjoying life.

Gift vouchers are available for all Sailing School courses.

Adult Introductory Courses begin early October

For more information telephone 6273 7177



Sailing the Web

GEM 550 cyber port

www.netspeed.com.au/nielsenl

This is an excellent site and not just because it's local. Yes, visit and you will pics of well known Canberra boats.

The site began as a personal project by Leigh Nielsen who skippers Hydrogem but quickly grew into an impressive boating resource.

Now it promotes not only the GEM 550 but also other trailer sailers up to six metres long. So if you're thinking of buying a trailer sailer, you'll find information about other makes. There are run-downs on the Hartley16, Farr 6000, Investigator 563, Castle 650 and Careel 18.

You will find photographs showing construction of a GEM along with all the specs and prices. The GEM was designed and developed to meet the need for a reasonably priced racing oriented family weekender and to provide performance at a level midway between the popular dinghy classes and the smallest offshore racing yachts.

The design is promoted as a sailboat in which ordinary sailors can achieve good results.

A group of GEM 550s have competed on a regular basis in CYC and NSW Trailerable Yacht Association races.

This site has the ACT sailing program and a link to the TYA of NSW. There are a load of other interesting sailing links, some of which are listed elsewhere on this page.

Book mark this site or add it to your favourites.

WWW

Sailing links

Weather Bureau

www.bom.gov.au/weather/nsw

The Trailer Sailor

www.trailersailor/com/links/Trailer_Sailing

Trailer sailing websites

www.geocities.com/Yosemite/Trails/2625/5sailsite.html

If you know of sailing sites, share them with members.
Send the links to: **cyc@atrax.net.au**

eNewsletter

Soon the club will be sending newsletters by email as well as post. This will save the club postage costs and get the news to your sooner. If youíd like to receive your newsletter by e-mail rather than post, send your e-mail address to cyc@atrax.net.au and put eNewsletter in the subject field.

Your contribution is welcome

Your club newsletter is keen to hear what members are doing. Let other members know about humourous cruises, racing news, who is buying new boats, boat building, bareboat charters, training sessions, rules nights, and the like. Send your ideas or completed articles to **cyc@atrax.net.au** or **fax 6273 7177** marked "for the newsletter". The club would also like to hear your feedback on the newsletter.

Volunteering for the Olympics Part II

The Real Thing

Story and pictures by Ross Wylde-Browne



Now that's what you call a start boat!

After having spent several weekends in Sydney over the previous couple of months for Olympic orientation and familiarisation with the revised software, finally Carol and I set off on Friday September 16 for the real thing, the experience of a lifetime. Our friend Laurie McDonald who was also involved with Mistral sailboard measuring was already there and well into Olympic mode – we were soon to follow.

Most of the test event team had returned and there were some additional recruits and additional equipment in the same area. This time we had additional machines serving the results virtually in real time to the internet, the intranet feeding the Olympic Info system, and the scoreboard located at the Opera House. We were rostered on from 10am to 6pm for 13 of the 16 days for sailing, with racing scheduled to start at midday and having to be concluded by 5pm due to the restrictions on the exclusion zones in Sydney Harbour where the courses were set.

The course areas were the same as for the test event, four inside the harbour and two outside the heads. Club members participating were again Laurie McDonald and Chas Powell together with Carol and I in the results section, with Laurie doubling up in measurement, Stew Shimeld driving a media boat with his father driving another boat, and Peter Manley again with the E (Echo) course team operating out from North Head. Peter was responsible for the MTS (Manual Timing System) unit on Mark Boat 1, each course having a start boat, finish boat, and four mark boats, all equipped with MTS units, the primary means of getting start, mark rounding, and finish data to the results section.

The MTS units had their time set by Swiss Timing, and as each boat rounded the mark a plunger was pressed recording the time into the unit, after which the operator entered a numeric code representing the country. This data was sent over a dedicated Telstra radio link to Swiss Timing, and from there to the event control computers in the results room. Each course had a radio operator in the results room operating on a dedicated channel so that information such as wind speed and direction at each mark could be communicated, and if there were any problems with the MTS data it could be taken manually and entered directly into the computers. The radio operators had to show at 11.30am for radio checks and confirmation the MTS units were functional. I remember getting one report from Peter Manley after a late session at the Cruising Yacht Club saying that the MTS was functional but the operator wasn't!

Lunch was served at 11am, so the radio operators had to get in early in order to be back for the radio sched at 11.30am, while the event control operators had to be back by 11.55am, so it always felt as though we had hardly finished breakfast and it was time to eat again!

Race procedure involved confirmation of a start with the start boat and taking of any OCS or DNC boats by



Hard stand for the Solings and Stars – the Flying Fifteens would envy this!

radio, which were then entered into the computers, checking MTS data and entering wind speed and direction for each mark rounding, checking MTS finish data and entering any DNF boats and registering any protest flags. All this had to be done with absolute accuracy as it was going out to Info and the internet almost in real time. At the conclusion of the race control prints were made which then went to quality control, and after verification and any corrections the distribution prints were sent to print distribution which were photocopied and distributed by runners to all clients at the venue.

The first week had generally light winds, considered to be a disadvantage for the Australian sailors, with only Bundock and Forbes gaining silver in the Tornado. The second week had quite a bit of wet weather early in the day but clearing, with two days being pretty unsatisfactory for sailing, but reasonable wind after the cloud lifted on the others, however rarely getting above 12 to 15 knots.

TV sets were supplied in the venue with all the SOBO (Sydney Olympic Broadcasting Organisation) feeds available as well as Channel 7 and the two cable channels, so it was good to be able to watch any sport which took our fancy, however it was disappointing that so little of the sailing was actually broadcast as there was some phenomenal footage.

The highlights for me were the last 470 races with the Australians starting in top position being favoured for gold and both getting there, and the final Laser race with Brazil and Great Britain having secured gold and silver with Brazil in the gold position by six points but having to carry a 21st if he finished below that position.

Ben Ainslie from Great Britain sat on top of Robert Scheidt of Brazil from before the start, managing to get a penalty on him, so after the start and doing his penalty turns Ainslie covered Scheidt all the way up the first leg and well behind the fleet, taking him past



Briefing in the results room

the windward mark. The comment from the Mark boat was that it was the most incredible display of match racing he had ever seen! This was covered totally by the TV cameras with the rest of the fleet forgotten until Scheidt managed to break clear. He managed to work his way back up to 21st position leaving Ainslie in the lead by one point. Subsequently two protests by Scheidt were dismissed while one by Ainslie was upheld with Scheidt disqualified from that race resulting in Ainslie taking the gold by one point from Scheidt.

Michael Blackburn did very well in this class fleet of 46 boats and it was a pleasure to be able to congratulate him at the Cruising Yacht Club following his success. Michael started his sailing career in Canberra and was great mates with our children, and I well remember him setting off for Melbourne in his old Falcon with second-hand Laser in tow to participate in his first Nationals. He has certainly come a long way since then.

The Soling was distinctive in being the only class to include match racing, the first 12 from the fleet racing going into the match racing series. It was intended that the match races would be held on Course A off the Opera House but unfortunately for the initial races the wind was round to the south and the course was unusable, so they were held on the northern side of the harbour, much to the disappointment of the crowds at the Opera House. Fortunately the winds changed back to the prevailing northeast for the final races and these were held in a gala atmosphere with big crowds around the Opera House and along the shore.

Each day the results team awarded the course which performed best on the MTS, hotly contested by the course crews, and an overall gold, silver and bronze being awarded at the conclusion of the regatta on a presentation dais constructed out of pallets.

All the results team members had the opportunity to get a ride on the harbour at least once during the regatta and I was fortunate to get out twice, the second time on the last day when I got a close look at some of the medal match races in the Solings.

The results team all got along exceptionally well with much of the credit due to the IBM results manager Judy Cole, who is a marvelous team leader. Judy has so enjoyed her sojourn in Australia that she intends staying here permanently. These Olympics have been the most successful ever and the last for IBM with the sponsorships being split further for Athens. It seems a pity to me from the sailing point of view that a results system as good as this and having been developed over such a long period of time should be discarded and another company start from scratch again, but I guess that's just the way it is.

Participating in the Olympics has been a fantastic experience, I wouldn't have missed it for the world - and I'm now suffering post-Olympics depression and am off to see my psychiatrist.

Presenting the MTS awards to the course crews, IBM results manager, Judy Cole, in front.



Canberra Yacht Club

Outcomes of the Committee Planning Day

Members of the committee, the Sail Canberra Board and co-ordinators of key tasks spent the day on Saturday October 7 working through the entire span of the club's workload and developing portfolio work plans for the year ahead.

The report of outcomes is on the club notice board for the information of members. Please have a look at it and talk to your committee members about it.

The committee settled on the following key result areas for its work:

- Continue to improve the quality of our race management – serving our traditional clients

Continue to develop recreational opportunities – serving the emerging clients through Sail Canberra and the recreational sailing activities, especially with trailable yachts

- Continue to develop the strategic alliance with the CSCC – the on-going aspects, as well as the major infrastructure developments
- Improve the training of all the club's workers – especially improving the training of our voluntary workers
- Work on high quality implementation of all the club's policies and procedures
- Review the Strategy and Business Plan (April to July).

The committee will report to club members on its progress in these key result areas in about March of next year. On-going consultation will continue through the mechanism of the committee papers under the arrangements outlined in the last newsletter.

Formal terms of reference for the Sail Canberra Board have been developed and the board is being restructured to deal with the additional scope of the boat hire operation. Detailed protocols are being written to implement the boat hire business plan and staff training for supervisory staff will commence shortly. Once the boat hire operation is in place and operating effectively, the board will explore other services that may complement its operations, as well as possible sponsorship arrangements. A program for secondary schools and colleges is to be developed for the beginning of the next academic year.

The racing portfolio has a busy program of work settling the up-graded race management arrangements into place and training race management teams. In addition, it will be running two regattas in short order – the ACT Youth Championships and 29er regatta on November 25-26 and the TYA regatta on December 2-3. Dave Bizant and Peter Taylor are working to Peter Fullagar managing the Youth Champs and the TYA regatta respectively.

Arrangements for closer co-operation with other sailing organisations have been clarified and strengthened. Reciprocal recognition of membership with the YMCA Sailing Club has been agreed for entry into one another's pointscore series. The club's policy of conducting events in conjunction with other organisations has been formalised to confirm the club's orientation to joining in suitable arrangements that will combine separate resources and expertise and that will enhance the reputation of each of the parties. Two classes have been appointed under the club's policy as Preferred Classes.

The recreational sailing portfolio is researching the different kinds of (non-racing) sailing experiences that appeal to members. The cruising events being organised by the CCYA and included in the club's sailing calendar are noted and will be complemented by the club staging other events sought by members.

The work of the recreational sailing portfolio in managing the joint use of the powerboats by the several activities of the club is focussed on four elements:

- effective implementation of the club's powerboat policy;
- raising the profile and strength of the Race Support Unit;
- ensuring effective training of drivers; and
- managing compliance with the sailing safety provisions under which the club operates.

Ian Brokenshire has taken on the task of leading the Race Support Unit, with the assistance of Terri Ebrill, and has been appointed the club's Safety Captain.

Protection of the foreshore and improvement of its amenity is being co-ordinated by the club, in conjunction with the Canberra Southern Cross Club. As well as arresting the erosion that is accelerating at the shoreline, the immediate priority will be to improve the ramp access for dinghies and the rescue/coach boats. A longer-term priority is to increase the tie-up facilities available for special events and to provide for separate berthing for the ferry. Robert Redfern is managing that work.

The nember services portfolio is focussing on

- ensuring response to inquiries, requests and recommendations in club services, especially within the very restricted space of our rooms;
- improving the newsletter;
- arranging social functions;
- welcoming new members; and
- managing the boat storage and parking facilities.

The promotion and marketing and the public relations portfolios are working closely together as a Marketing group. The roup will prepare a co-ordinated marketing plan to augment the existing Sail Canberra marketing plan. Sail Canberra is staffing a stall at the ACT Home and Leisure Show on October 20-22. Oliver Mertz is managing the club's presence at that event. The promotion and marketing portfolio is co-ordinating the club's activities for the National Try Sailing Day on Sunday November 12. Mark Wallace is co-ordinating that work.

The promotion and marketing portfolio will seek additional sponsors for the club as a whole or for specific functions within the club.

The corporate services portfolio's work is focussed on financial control and providing timely management reporting information for the committee and the Sail Canberra Board. Its other major tasks are control of the assets of the club and risk management (except for sailing safety). Mark Wallace has taken on the job of the club's Risk Manager.

The Vice-Commodore chairs the Sail Canberra Board and supervises the Director, Sail Canberra and is responsible for co-ordinating, with the assistance of Tania Gorman, the formal work place agreements that are being developed for each of the club's employees, together with the supporting work plans and professional development plans. The Vice-Commodore will manage review of the club's Strategy and Business Plan in the period from April to July next year.

The Commodore leads the club's strategic management team, champions the club externally, leads the relationship with the CSCC, oversees implementation of the club's strategic planning and policy and chairs the club committee.

Volunteers needed

November 8 - March 28 from 6pm for the twilight series

The club is looking for volunteers to run the twilight races. The series consists of 17 races, running from November 8 to March 28, starting at 6pm. We need a person to accept entries, several persons to assist in the tower with time keeping and raising/lowering of flags, a qualified boat driver to lay the course, pick up buoys and perform any necessary rescues, plus someone to calculate results and, most importantly, a race officer to oversee the lot.

If you are interested and willing to help, even for part of that period, please contact Peter Fullagar.



Duty Roster . . .

Just a reminder that the duty roster system is now in effect with every skipper (and crew) required to sacrifice one race afternoon per year to assist in running the Sunday afternoon races. We are fast running out of 'volunteers' who have picked their preferred date and put their name on the duty roster sheet in the clubhouse notice board. We will soon be assigning members to particular dates. For those who want to familiarise themselves with what is required to run the race, from sign-on to locking up, please e-mail Martin van der Hoek on vdhoek@netspace.net.au for a set of instructions.

Change to Sailing Calendar

Please note that due to the expected absence of a substantial proportion of the Division 2 racing fleet on October 22 - the Gems will be in Sydney - the championship race scheduled for that day has been moved forward to the following Sunday, October 29. This only applies to Division 2.

Power Boat Drivers

There is a shortage of qualified power boat drivers with TL3 accreditation. If you have this qualification and Terri Ebril does not have your name, please contact her on 62548491. Also a reminder we are investigating the possibility of having TL3 trainer and/or refresher course in the near future. If you are interested, please add your name to the relevant list on the club notice board.

Laser News

Stuart Allan

At the first post Olympics club race day 18 lasers faced the starter! We think that's a record for Laser sailing at the CYC. It does make for great racing wherever you are in the fleet.

Competition and fleet numbers have been given a sharp boost this season by the presence of top sailing talent from the 'Y'. Welcome guys! It is also terrific to see two members of the CYC sailing school joining us for racing. We hope they will be the first of many assisted by the school's recent acquisition of six brand new Lasers. We look forward to working with the school for the wider benefit of CYC sailing. It is great to see a former CYC 505 champion Peter Harvey back on the water with a new sail and giving the Laser fleet a bit of stick.

Bruce Paine, another Canberra sailing notable and champion in many classes, has been seen sussing out the laser competition in a Spiral. Time to get with the strength Bruce! Another welcome addition to the fleet this season is Steve Leicester. Steve is sailing an ex-Olympic Laser complete with Sydney logo and Olympic rings on hull and sail. The boat was sailed in the Olympics by the NZ rep.

While we're speaking about the Olympics, it was fantastic to see a sometime Canberra Laser sailor Michael Blackburn win a Bronze Medal for Australia in the Open Laser Class Olympic regatta. Well done Michael!

As well as a full CYC season, Canberra lasers will be contesting the very strong NSW & ACT Laser Association regatta circuit over the season. Details are available on the association website at www.laser.asn.au

CYC will also be represented at the Laser Nationals in Hobart in December-January. A bit further a field, a few club sailors are doing some preliminary planning around attending the Laser Masters World Championships to be hosted by the Royal Cork Yacht Club in Ireland. in July-August next year. Early info on that regatta is on RCYC's web site at www.royalcork.com and the International Laser Class Association web site at www.laserinternational.org The latter site is also a mine of information on Laser sailing around the world including lots of stuff on gear and sailing techniques.

Finally, I would like to thank Nick Gellie who is standing down as the Laser class rep for the sterling effort he has put in on behalf of all Laser sailors during a period of significant growth and change for the CYC.

I will be taking over from Nick as the Laser Class rep. I can be contacted on 6258 2797, mob 0410 582 799 or email allanone@goldweb.com.au I invite Laser sailors to contact me about anything to do with Laser sailing in Canberra. Contributions for inclusion in Laser News are most welcome.

Policy for the conduct of events in conjunction with other organisations

Members should see the new policy document contained in the folder of Key Club documents held on the library bench in the Sailors' Cabin.

This clarifies and strengthens our policy in dealing with the balances inherent in our overall disposition of joint endeavour in the running of events as an effective way of encouraging sailing, especially in a relatively small community such as Canberra.

One the one hand, the club is well disposed to joining in suitable arrangements that will combine separate resources and expertise and that will enhance the reputation of each of the parties.

On the other hand, the club has to make provision for:

- Quality control to ensure the events contribute positively to the reputation of both the club and the CSCC;
- Resources control to ensure the events are not a net cost to club members and do not squander scarce people resources in the context of a demanding schedule of club activity; and
- Risk management in the context of increasing recourse to litigation.

Protection and strengthening of the good relationship between the club and the CSCC is a major factor in the selection and conduct of such events.

Please help on Try Sailing Day

November 12

November 12 is a big day for our club.

On that Sunday, the CYC will launch Sail Canberra, a venture that combines the sailing school and the new boat hire business.

Have you seen the brand new Hobies on the grass? These boats and the Lasers will be hired out to people who donít have their own boats but have been itching to get on the water.

To properly kick this off, we need your help. The launch of Sail Canberra will coincide with the national Try Sailing Day being promoted jointly by the Boating Industry of Australia and the Australian Yachting Federation.

The CYC and the Southern Cross Club are combining to run a program that will draw the community to the Lotus Bay site to try sailing.

Each class is being asked to stage static displays, there will be stalls, the Apex Club will be helping out and you will hear some speeches around 11.30am.

We will have four boats on the water to take people sailing, model sailing boats will also be sharing the breeze and the race support unit will have a static display.

The day is an excellent opportunity to encourage people to take up sailing in their post-Olympic mood.

But we need club members to be involved ñ showing people over the static displays, selling club hats and clothes, working on the drink stall and generally making visitors feel welcome.

Please call Mark Wallis on 6284 3611 or 0412 149 734 if you can spare a few hours on the day.

Sponsorship

Queensland Yacht Charter has renewed its sponsorship for next season and will also give club members 10% discount. Try QYC if you are thinking of chartering in the glorious Whitsundays.

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Racing News

The first two races of the Summer series were sailed under exact opposite weather conditions. For the first, there was little or no wind, and the day was hot. The second was sailed in wintery conditions, with gusting winds and rain showers. I don't know what's worse but having had the two extremes, let's hope for something in between from here on.

Full results are posted in the clubhouse. The following is a summary:

Race 1

Division 1, six starters:
① Paul Scrivener (Gomez)
② Trevor Hippersley (Take it Easy)
Division 2, four starters:
① Wayne Sillick (Tinkerbell)
② Michael Leydon (2.4 m)
Division 3, five starters:
① C Scott (HMAS Piano)
② S Harvie (Running Bear)
Division 4, three starters:
① G Giles (Ffenoninal)
② J Hosking (Final Ffing)
Division 5, seven starters:
① John Tracey (Cheetah)
② Nick Hilyard (Te Waka)
Division 6, no starters
Division 7, one starter:
① Robert Redfern (Canterbury)

Race 2

Division 1, seven starters:
① Ross Wylde-Browne (Scooter)
② I Kalnins (Valdor)
Division 2, four starters:
① Geoff Gillette (Strategem*)
② Graeme Wykes (Imagem)
Division 3, four starters:
① M Francis (contender; no name)
② Andrew Sutton (Popeye)
Division 4, three starters:
① I Hawke (Mischief)
② G Giles (Ffenominal)
Division 5, fifteen starters:
① S Warild (laser,no name)
② T Ryan (Misties Fool)
Division 6, no starters
Division 7, four starters:
① Robert Redfern (Canterbury)
② D Riding (Silk)

* The Gems, with a handicap of 0.675 (which is on the cusp of Division 1 - 2), have decided to race in Division 2

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DATES

Reserve these Dates!

Sat-Sun Oct 28-29
ACT cats championship

Sunday Oct 29
Pointscore 5

Thursday Nov 2
Yachting Assoc of the ACT AGM

Sunday Nov 5
Pointscore 6

Wednesday Nov 8
Twilight No 1

Sat-Sun Nov 11-12
ACT Dinghy titles at YMCA

Saturday Nov 11
CCYA night race

Sunday Nov 12
CYC Show Day

Wednesday Nov15
Twilight No 2

Sat-Sun Nov 18-19
CCYA St Georges Basin cruise

Sunday Nov 19
Pointscore 7

Wednesday Nov 22
Twilight 3

Sat-Sun Nov 25-26
ACT youth championships

Sunday Nov 26
Pointscore 8, championship 2

Wednesday Nov 29
Twilight 4

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Sailing News

November 2000



Olympic sailing medallist Michael Blackburn with Youth Sailing Academy members.

Try Sailing Day

A wash out but still a success

Nick Hildyard

The wet weather did not dampen the spirits of members of the Canberra Yacht Club and its Youth Sailing Academy who gathered in the sailors cabin for the launch of Sail Canberra Boat Hire.

It was scheduled for Sunday November 12 which was promoted as National Try Sailing Day but sadly poor weather caused the cancellation of free sailing activities and static displays by various club classes and other events planned for the day.

Organisers Mark Wallis and Nick Hildyard knew they were in trouble on scattering the ducks coming into the car park early Sunday morning.

Despite the downpour several parents turned up with kids in tow looking to introduce them to sailing, prompting us to call it a postponement not a cancellation.

Another CYC Open Day (Try Sailing Day) will be scheduled in late November or early December offering free sailing and other activities, particularly information on the sailing school and boat hire. Thanks to the volunteers and we hope they and skippers can again give us a hand again next time. More information soon.

One of the main attractions to the wet Try Sailing Day was the generous time given to the club by Sydney 2000 Olympic sailing medallist Michael Blackburn. Michael also agreed to officially launch the Sail Canberra Boat Hire operation on the day.

Michael who lived in Canberra for 13 years learnt to sail here and attributes his sailing abilities to mastering the ever-shifting and fluky wind on the lake. He also took time out to talk to members of the Youth Sailing Academy.

"Being a part of the Australian Olympic Team and marching into the stadium in front of a home crowd was the most awesome thing ever, something I will never forget," he said as his Olympic bronze medal was being passed from student to student. "You could feel the ground and

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Commodore's Column

Neil Primrose

The energy around the club is amazing. The summer season is well under way; sailing school classes are hard at work; the boat hire operation is getting increasing numbers of people afloat, including swelling the size of the racing fleets; a steady number of newcomers are joining the club and renewals are flooding in; after-race BBQs are smoking the place out; the recreational program is under way; the newsletter just grew in volume and quality; and we are about to go interactive with our web site.

And the grounds look fantastic, thanks to Peter Head's investment in them.

Pity the Try Sailing Day was a bit damp. We'll run a follow-up open day to capitalise on all the publicity we have already received (see separate item). Thanks to Mark Wallis and his team for all their work.

It was good to have our Sail Canberra operation formally opened by someone so prominent as Michael Blackburn. Already the word is out. The Sail Canberra exhibit at the Home and Leisure Show reached a huge number of people and promoted the club. The stream of inquiries is growing by the day. Our thanks to Oliver Mertz and his team who put that effort together and staffed the stand.

The program of sailing for secondary schools and colleges has started. Sean and Matthew are marketing that hard in preparation for the new academic year. Members who are at school, or who have children at school might like to promote the opportunity for secondary schools and colleges to have Sail Canberra run courses for them as part of their school sport programs.

It is with regret that the committee has accepted Karen Paxton's resignation as Vice Commodore. The demands of a rapidly expanding business have made it necessary for her to step back from her work with the club. We thank her for the energy she put into the position and wish her well in her business. Look out for her on the water in the also rapidly expanding Laser fleet.

I will chair the Sail Canberra Board and act as Sean's supervisor for the time being.

In its search for a suitable person to fill the position, the committee is open to suggestions from members (see separate item).

Under the Capital Program made available to us from the Southern Cross Club, we have been able to acquire an ex-Olympic semi-rigid inflatable boat for race management, coaching and rescue work at a considerable discount. That will arrive on the lake soon. We are moving quickly to complete this year's acquisition program with the purchase of a Status 580, predominantly for boat hire, but also for adult sailing classes. We again register our appreciation to the Southern Cross Club for its support of our club's programs.

Negotiations on improving the foreshore in front of the club are underway at the highest level between the Canberra Yacht Club/Southern Cross Club and the National Capital Authority/ACT Government. Robert Redfern is driving those. Immediate work is a joint study to develop a master plan and, in the meantime, early provision of a safety ramp in front of the club, for which the Southern Cross Club is footing the bill.

We are working on the office accommodation and the lighting in the Sailors' Cabin. We are also working with the Southern Cross Club on improving the toilets.

Roll in the summer. The pace is hot.

Try Sailing Day

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stadium shaking as people stomped and clapped the entrance of the large Aussie team."

He urged the boys and girls of the Youth Academy to use the support of parents and the Canberra Yacht Club to participate in local and national sailing regattas as much as possible, working hard to build up their sailing skills and experience while setting goals for the future. "Perhaps an Olympic Games one day," he suggested. He also touched on the need for young elite athletes to balance sport, schooling and family in their lives. "Do the washing up occasionally," he said, bringing a groan from the audience. "I remember the many hours my mum spent driving me to regattas. In fact once at Lake Macquarie she said, 'if you don't win this one, it's the last time I'm driving you to competitions'. Well I came sixth but eventually she gave in and took me to the next one anyway, so appreciate the Mums and Dads."

Later the students surrounded him with many questions about his road to success and what it is like to sail in an Olympics.

Michael also congratulated the club on its modern facilities and achievements and how far it had come since his day. CYC Commodore Neil Primrose thanked Michael for his willingness to support sailing in Canberra.

"The new boat hire operation provides opportunities for people who want to sail but don't want to buy a boat, this is a unique operation for Canberra," Neil said. "This will open up access to sailing to all sections of the community in a way that has never been possible before, either for racing or cruising."

The Canberra Yacht Club will operate the new venture with a fleet of small and large sail boats, ranging from dinghies, catamarans and soon, trailable boats. The Sail Canberra Boat Hire can be contacted on: 6273 7177.

Appointment of new Vice Commodore

The committee will exercise its responsibility under Section 12 (4) of the club's constitution and proceed to co-opt a suitable person to fill the vacant position of Vice Commodore. It would be desirable to make an appointment in December and have the appointee attend the Sail Canberra Board for a couple of months before taking that over.

Given the central importance of this position, the committee would welcome suggestions from members of people who they feel might be suitable.

The role of the Vice Commodore is to:

- Chair the Sail Canberra Board and guide the earning of revenue for the club from that operation
- Serve as supervisor of the Director, Sail Canberra
- Co-ordinate development and review of performance agreements with the Director and Deputy Director
- Lead review of club's strategic plan

The right person will have a well-developed track record in senior management, be experienced in the supervision of staff, have a strategic perspective and, ideally, have run a business in the services sector.

Realistically, the position will take about 10 to 15 hours a week. And it's a voluntary position!

Neil Primrose would love to receive suggestions via his contact numbers at the back of this newsletter.

Gift Vouchers

Christmas, birthdays . . .

Having trouble deciding on a present to give?

Why not give a sailing course!

What better way to spend this summer than feeling the wind in your hair, relaxing and enjoying life.

Gift vouchers are available for all Sailing School courses.

Adult Introductory Courses begin early October

For more information telephone 6273 7177

Sail Canberra Boat Hire

The Canberra Yacht Club boat hire is now open for business.

We have Canberra's largest range of sailing boats for public hire, from as little as $20 an hour.

On the ramp are 30 boats - Lasers, Corsairs, Toppers, Hobie 16s and Hobie Waves. The fleet also includes brand new Lasers, 29ers and Flying 11s for race hire and lease. Sail Canberra allows you to lease a Laser long term for all CYC races.

A Status 19 day-sailer is being purchased for hire and the adult sailing school and we are looking at windsurfers.

The business is open seven days a week, 10am to 7pm until the end of daylight saving, and 10am to 5pm after that.

An instructor is available to teach novices about safe hire boat practices and the operation is supported by a safety boat at all times. All senior personnel have a work place level two first aid rating.

Sail Canberra offers discounts to CYC and Southern Cross Club members and is an AYF registered training centre.

For detailed information on self-hire or crewed sailboat hire contact 6273 4777.

Robert Redfern and crew Nancy Mills



Class News
Laser News

Stuart Allan

The ACT Dinghy Championships were hosted by the YMCASC in early November. Dave Holt mastered the very light and fluky conditions and intermittent rain showers to take the Laser championship from Laser veteran John Tracey and the "recently out-of retirement" Peter Harvey. Dave has been performing very well in club racing this season so this win is further confirmation of him as a sailor to watch for the CYC club Laser championship. Congratulations Dave!

After some nervousness by Laser sailors who follow these things the Laser has been selected by the ISAF for the 2004 Olympics in Athens. Plenty of time now to crank up those Olympic campaigns!

In a rule change update the International Laser Class Association (ILCA) has clarified the date of effect of the member approved proposal to allow multi-block purchases for the cunningham, outhaul and boom vang. The ISAF ruled that no change could be introduced before October 1, 2000. Apparently the reason for this was to prevent significant rule changes in Olympic classes in the build up to the Olympic Games. Some people have understood the decision by the ISAF to mean that the changes are allowed from October 1, 2000. This is incorrect. There are some further processes to be gone through including allowing time for comment on the draft wording for the rule changes. Jeff Martin, executive secretary of the ILCA, guesses that the earliest the various processes could be completed is April 1, 2000 provided there are no further unforeseen delays.

As you read this at least four CYC Laser sailors, including John Tracey, Phillip Russell, Dave Holt and Stuart Allan, will have contested the NSW & ACT Laser Association Masters Championship at Belmont 16' Skiff Sailing Club on Lake Macquarie. The bare results will be available on the association web site at www.laser.asn.au but for the gory details see this column next issue.

Laser Masters sailing is a popular and growing phenomenon in Australia and overseas. Mark Bethwaite from Royal Sydney YS and Adam French from Gosford SC are Australia's current world champions in the masters full rig and radial categories respectively. Graham Read from Vaucluse YC was the 1999 Great Grand Masters World Champion. Basically competitors are divided into groups according to age. The general policy for masters events is that the sailor must have reached 35 years of age (apprentice), 45 years (master), 55 years (grand master), 65 years (great grand master). The age of the competitor on the first day of the regatta determines the group the sailor competes in for the whole regatta. Coloured identification stickers are attached to the mast below the goose neck so that different category masters know who they are sailing with when they sail in mixed fleets.

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Flying Fifteen News

Bill Causbrook



Peter Russell on Rustler

After six pointscore races, the new boats in the fleet are starting to show their paces. John Hosking (Final Ffling) and Peter Forster are throwing out the challenge to local hotshots, Peter and Philip Russell (Rustler) for line honours supremacy. From previous experience, Colin Brown and Nigel Grimes (Super Snabb) have been known to shoot down the front runners and should not be discounted from performing well overall. Graeme Giles and Mark Gillette have also shown their promising form when the track got heavy.

Reputations were rather damaged during the lighter conditions over the past few weeks. While Canberra produces top class light weather sailors, there is still a lot of room for improvement for some ff sailors if they wish to capitalise on this reputation. Ian Hawke (Mischieff) has been known to worry the handicappers. Bill Causbrook (Barnacle Bill) may raise the eyebrows of the handicappers closer to the end of the season after a few races under his belt.

Bill Shand and his crew, David Parish, conducted a tuning class at the end of October. Bill is a long time ff builder and a notable performer at national and world levels. It is hopeful that as the sailing season progresses, more ff sailors will hit the water armed with improved tuning knowledge.

The 2000-2001 Nationals will be held on Pittwater for the first time in some decades. It is expected a high proportion of Canberra based ff sailors will trek north and wave the flag for the Canberra Yacht Club. Peter Dalton has put a lot of effort into organising what should be an exciting regatta.

CCYA News

Ross Wylde-Browne

Following the recent CCYA AGM we now have a more streamlined executive, with Chris Kenyon as Bosun, Karen as Treasurer, and John White organising the cruises continuing on from last year. In addition I would like to welcome Eric Webb back on the committee as Secretary/Magazine editor, and Ed Harris has joined us as an assistant to John with the cruising organisation. Don McMichael has taken on the role as coordinator of the Trailable Yacht Championships and I am on as the President, taking over from Martin van der Hoek who is now Director Recreational Services on the CYC executive after doing such a good job as CCYA President last year.

I have always regarded the CCYA as my class association for trailable yachts within the CYC and we are currently in negotiations with the CYC to define the role of the CCYA within the CYC organisation in order to avoid duplication of resources and effort. To this end we have agreed that the CYC will run all racing events on our behalf, Martin van der Hoek will take the running on recreational sailing in Canberra with the cooperation of the CCYA, and the CCYA will continue with its cruising and social program as previously.

With the CYC accepting the CCYA as the umbrella class association for trailables we would like to encourage trailable sailors to join the CCYA so that we have a coordinated body for all trailable activities, divisional racing, recreational sailing, cruising and anything else of concern. The CCYA will encourage developing classes of boats to form their own specific groups within the CCYA umbrella for mutual help and class development.

This is the first of the monthly contributions to the CYC newsletter, which will be the means of disseminating current news and information to both the CCYA members and the club as a whole. The CCYA, under Eric Webb, will resume publishing its magazine, "Cruising Yachtsman" on a less frequent basis but including articles of longer and more detailed nature of interest to members, as well as reports on cruises and other events. The CCYA is also looking to establishing email lists for more immediate contact with members.

In addition to what has already been said, benefits of joining the CCYA also include free use of the boat hoist at the CYC and use of a range of tools and equipment at nominal cost. The CCYA executive is happy to receive suggestions of new equipment to purchase that may be of use to members occasionally but not warrant purchasing themselves.

The St Georges Basin cruise will have taken place by the time you read this. Upcoming events are the annual Myall Lakes cruise over the Christmas period, the ACT Trailable Yacht Championships on January 26-27, 2001, and a Lady Skipper race on Saturday December 9. This should be a recreational sailing event and we would like to see other CYC members participating.

Recreational Sailing

Martin van der Hoek

Rally 'Round The Lake

The CCYA recently organised a Saturday afternoon rally on LBG. This event took the place of an earlier social sail which, from memory, was 'blown out'. Obviously not too many people checked the noticeboard regarding the revised date because only four boats put to water that day. What a pity; they missed a very sociable afternoon. The boats partaking were Scooter, Wide Horizons, Farr Too Easy and Leumas, each with more than the usual complement of crew on board.

The rally was based around a series of questions prepared by Don McMichael. It meant sailing to various points around the lake and getting the answers to certain questions. Although with some questions it didn't matter how far up and down the lake you sailed, you were never going to get the answers. In some cases, a dictionary was more valuable than a mailsail, but it was a lot of fun. The outing took the fleet up to the GG's residence and back, with just enough wind to make it a sail, a race and an outing. For those who thought the crew on Leumas had an encyclopedic mind, let me just say that a mobile phone does come in handy, even on the lake!

The drinks and nibblies get-together afterwards on shore, marking each others' papers was equally memorable, with much frivolity and cheering. A great concept, a great afternoon and thanks to the organisers.

Pice and ride in the Tallaganda Forest

Held on Saturday November 11. For those who looked to the heavens, thought it would rain and decided to stay home, bad luck! It didn't rain until we returned to Canberra.

There must be something about the number 4. Again, four bike riders, plus two 'picnic-ers'. Included in the party were Peter Dalton and Hella, Ross and Carol Wylde-Browne, 'Swampy' Marsh and 'Popeye' van der Hoek.

For those who missed out, here's what the publicity blurb says about the area:

"Tallaganda State Forest covering some 59,900 hectares lies approximately 40 km southeast of Queanbeyan. This forest straddles the Great Dividing Range beginning about 10 km south of the Bungendore/Braidwood Road and extends down the range for a distance of nearly 50 km. Variety is the keynote of the forest and is a characteristic reflected in all aspects of its environment. The altitude, e.g., varies from 800m to 1400m above sea level, while the rainfall fluctuates between nearly 100mm at the higher elevation and 550mm at Hoskinstown near the lower western perimeter." We were obviously not high enough for rain!

Our base was the Lowden Park picnic area, deep in the forest. It was at this spot that a group of logging contractors established their camp in 1937. The water wheel to generate electricity for the camp and to charge batteries for the trucks was built in 1952.

The ride itself was a 20km 'meander' along the main fire trail. For some it was just enough to work up an appetite; for others it was their first major intro to mountain biking ... without the mountains. It was a pleasant ride, in beautiful surrounding forests.

The picnic grounds were deserted until late in the day when some bushwalkers set up camp in the adjoining camping ground. It was very peaceful and thoroughly relaxing.

For anyone thinking of venturing into the forest, do it! For those who want to do it in a group, watch this space 'cause we'll do it again next year.

St George's Basin cruise November 18-19

By the time you get this newsletter it will be too late to go, but you'll get to hear about it in the next newsletter with, hopefully, some photos. That is provided someone remembers to take a photo while enjoying a drink or sailing, or both!

Another note for Recreational Sailing

Ross Wylde-Browne

The CCYA night race scheduled for Saturday November 11 was abandoned due to the inclement weather. The next scheduled CCYA recreational sailing event is the Lady Skipper event on Saturday December 9.

Under the terms of arrangement with CYC for last season this event is open to all CYC members and the CCYA welcomes other sailors and boats to participate in these events, which are run in a less stringent environment than the regular Sunday racing, so come along and have some fun.

The next night race is scheduled in the New Year.

The CYC thanks
Derek Kelly . . .
for the complimentary printing of the newsletter.
Contact Derek on 6254 1226 for large
and small printing jobs.

Sailing the Web

WWW

Sydney-Hobart Yacht Race

www.sydneytohobart.telstra.com/index.cfm

The 56th sailing of this famous ocean classic conducted by the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia has attracted the largest big boat fleet since the 50th race in 1994.

The lineup on Boxing Day will include a 90-footer, three 80-footers, a 76-footer, five Volvo Ocean 60s headed by last year's record-slashing line honours winner, Nokia, plus an Open 60 and four other 60-footers. Of these big boats, at least eight will sail under their water-ballast configuration, as did Nokia in 1999.

The race has once again attracted yachts across the broad spectrum of ocean racing, from little 30-footers to a 90-footer, the Italian Navy training yacht Orsa Maggiore. There are boats from all Australian States and the ACT, and overseas from Britain, Italy, Denmark, Germany, Sweden, Hong Kong, New Zealand and Bermuda.

Many of the safety measures introduced for the 1999 race have been refined and extended, while further emphasis had been placed on crew experience and training, with 50 percent of the crew of each yacht now required to attend special safety seminars.

The Volvo Ocean 60s, headed by last year's line honours winner Nokia, will virtually race boat for boat, and organisers are expecting a great battle between the 80-footers, Shockwave, Nicorette from Sweden, and the extended Wild Thing from Melbourne, not to mention the Sydney 76-footer, Brindabella.

Shockwave, owned by Sydney-based New Zealander Neville Crichton, is a state-of the art 'turbo-charged' maxi which made a sensational debut at Hamilton Island Race Week in August.

Nicorette, owned by Portugal-based champion maxi yacht skipper Ludde Ingvall, is a highly sophisticated maxi with water ballast that has been racing on the European circuit as Skandia. It is being fitted with a new mast and keel especially for the Sydney to Hobart.

The starting gun will be fired by Lieutenant General Peter Cosgrove who led the force into East timor and is now Chief of Army.

NEW CYC Web Site ON-LINE NOW!

www.canberrayachtclub.com.au is now on-line. Club members and the outside world now have access to a new web site for the canberra yacht club and sail canberra which includes the sailing school, youth sailing academy and boat hire operation.

The site, constructed by an external provider, W3C2 selected through a tender process overseen by CYC Web Manager, Robert Saunders, has up to date information on the Club's activities, the sailing program, the classes sailing, and of course the sailing school, youth sailing academy and boat hire operation.

Sail Canberra also has it's own sub-site at sailcanberra.com.au to assist with quick searches and includes on-line enrollment forms for sailing classes. The content of the site was written by Rob Saunders and Wendy Parish, photographs by Nick Hildyard and other information on links and updates are provided by class and club representatives and sailing school staff.

New email address have also been set up, with **admin@canberrayachtclub.com.au** and **hire@sailcanberra.com.au** the busiest and email for the director of the sailing school should be sent to **director@sailcanberra.com.au**. Suggestions for site content should be sent to: webmgr@canberrayachtclub.com.au.

A special thank you to Dave Bizant, who through his company Biztech has donated site hosting, mail traffic and is also providing web access for the club. This provides a considerable saving to the running of the club for which the committee is very grateful.

Dave can be contacted on 02 6280 6998 if you interested in more information on business technolgy. We also must thank Chris Kenyon who has provided technical know how and time installing our office computer systems and software.

eNewsletter

Soon the club will be sending newsletters by e-mail as well as post. This will save the club postage costs and get the news to your sooner. If you'd like to receive your newsletter by e-mail rather than post, send your e-mail address to admin@canberrayachtclub.com.au and put e-Newsletter in the subject field.

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DATES

Reserve these Dates!

Sat-Sun Nov 25-26
ACT youth championships

Sunday Nov 26
Pointscore 8, championship 2

Wednesday Nov 29
Twilight 4

Sunday Dec 3
Pointscore 9

Wednesday Dec 6
Twilight 5

Sunday Dec 10
Pointscore 10 championship 3

Wednesday Dec 13
Twilight 6

Sunday Dec 17
Pointscore 11

Sunday Jan 14
Pointscore 12

Wednesday Jan 17
Twilight 7

Sunday Jan 21
Poinscore 13, championship 4

Wednesday Jan24
Twilight 8

Fri-Sun Jan 26-28
ACT trailerable championship

Sunday Jan 28
Pointscore 14

Wednesday Jan 31
Twilight 9

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Commodore's Column

Neil Primrose

On behalf of the Committee, thank you for the confidence you have placed in us, especially by electing us unopposed at the AGM. This is the nicest way of being elected to serve you. We will strive to be worthy stewards of your trust.

The coming year will be a time for consolidating the hard work of the last three years to reposition and our Club and to restructure its administration. We are now well established to take advantage of the opportunities that are opening up to us from the changes taking place in our community's lifestyles and the impact of those changes on the way people take their sport and leisure.This task is no less challenging than that of repositioning the Club – perhaps even more so, because we now have to focus on the innumerable tiny details of getting the implementation right. The management epithet that "the devil is in the details" applies very much to us this year. For this, we will need your support.



Simon Lyddieth after being awarded the prize as the clubs's most improved junior skipper

I invite and challenge each member of the Club to engage in the work of managing our Club. our directors cannot do this alone. Each is drawing a team of people around themselves to assist in running their portfolio of responsibilities. Please take the initiative and volunteer to help in the area in which you are most interested. Don't wait to be asked. A list of the committee's contact details is published in this newsletter.

Similarly, I invite and challenge you to engage in dialogue with your directors on the issues that will come before the committee over the year. You will see a separate section in this newsletter on the way you might do this. What is envisaged is an opportunity for constructive input on matters of substance by serious people. It is not a mechanism to micro-manage the committee to whom you have delegated the responsibility to manage the Club.

Your committee will be holding a planning day on Saturday October 7, together with the work teams and other key players. This will be an opportunity to examine the entire span of work involved in managing the Club, establish the priorities, confirm the allocation of responsibilities across each portfolio and lock down the working budget for the coming year.

We will report the highlights of the planning day to you and publish a detailed organisational chart in the newsletter.

Meanwhile, let's look forward with a sense of excitement to the coming season of sailing.

Rescue boat drivers wanted

The club is planning to conduct a TL3 course for rescue boat drivers during the summer. Those members interested in participating should notify Terri Ebrill on 62548491. Nominations from outside the club will also be accepted so please pass this notice to anyone who may be interested in the course and/or assisting in the conduct of club activities.

New Members

As the club grows, we welcome these members who have joined since July 1 this year:

Jason Chaffer	Joanne Mary Acott
Sara Davidson	David Maclachlan
Christine Cornwell	Tracey Crump
Ian Cornwell	Andrew Manley
Susan Hafner	James Manley
Eleonora De Nicolo	Janet Manley
Marialavinia De Nicolo	Lorraine Marsh
Paolo De Nicolo	Amy McBrien
Bronis Dudek	Ben McBrien
John Fletcher	Donna McBrien
Dean Foran	Brett McKie
Brenda French	Nancy Mills
Adrienne Green	Richard Morcom
Alix Green	Carlyle Nagel
Nikki Green	Karen Paxton
Steven Green	Ben Shortbridge
Peter Harvey	Don Shortbridge
Karen Kenyon	Kate Shortbridge
Antonie Laruffa	Libby Shortbridge
Mark Andrew Laruffa	David Smith
Sarah Gay Laruffa	Alastair Stevenson

Sailing User Group Meetings

These are held at the club between 6:00 and 7:00 PM on the first Monday each

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month (holiday Mondays excepted).The intention of these meetings is to offer a regular opportunity for any sailing members to rise matters of concern or to question our program of sailing activities. We ensure that representatives from each division racing in the Sunday program are reminded of these meetings but all members are welcome to attend. It is not intended in any way to be an exclusive gathering!

The intention is that at each meeting the Director, Racing and the Director, Recreational Sailing will be present. We want to encourage interchange of ideas between those that race and between those that are interested in sailing activities other than 'pure' racing. Why not come along if you have anything you want to ask about race management or the recreational sailing program? Maybe there is something you want to say but not through your divisional representative. We would like to hear from you at one of these regular meetings.

Sponsorship

Queensland Yacht Charter has renewed its sponsorship for next season and will also give club members 10% discount. Try QYC if you are thinking of chartering in the glorious Whitsundays.

QUEENSLAND YACHT CHARTERS
Cruising the Whitsunday Islands and Great Barrier Reef

Laser Day

Oliver Merz



An on shore demonstration of sailing techniques on Open Day

Recently the sailing school purchased six new Lasers to bolster an already strong fleet. The club had been shopping around for the best deal and in the end bought them from Jolly Roger Laser Sales, saving $1020 on each boat. Each boat came with a foil bag, cover, radial rig, full rig and Laser Dolly's. This package included on the water coaching lessons from Cameron Hooper, who was second in this year's 470 Olympic trials

On Saturday September 2 we had a joint Sailing School and Laser Association coaching day. The day was organised to help the senior youth academy students learn to use the new Lasers and to pick up the latest skills in boat handling techniques.

The event began with strong winds and a short course inside the bay. Most work for the morning session involved learning to set the boat up correctly, followed by a quick on the water session. Despite the windy and rough conditions the group performed well and Cameron commented on the dramatic improvement in everyone's technique and boat handling skills.

Your contribution is welcome

Your club newsletter is keen to hear what members are doing. Let other members know about humourous cruises, racing news, who is buying new boats, boat building, bareboat charters, training sessions, rules nights, and the like. Send your ideas or completed articles to **cyc@atrax.net.au** or **fax 6273 7177** marked "for the newsletter".

Good luck, Peter

We wish Peter Thompson fair winds and good luck for the Paralympics. Peter is the Australian representative for the 2.4 Class. Best wishes from fellow members of the Flying Fifteen fleet and all club members. He is also a Flying Fifteen sailor and a fierce competitor in the class when time permits.

New Duty Roster Scheme for Race Management

Peter Fullagar - Director, Racing

After much discussion and careful consideration of what is best for the development of our program of racing at the club we have decided to adopt an entirely new approach to the method of rostering teams each week to run our Sunday races.

Instead of relying upon each division to take turns at this job we will now spread the load across all regular participants in the series, skippers and crews alike. This means that we will no longer have racing cancelled for a division because they are the 'duty class' and everyone gets to do one day as part of the team responsible for race management on that date.

The new scheme relies on the rostering of two qualified boat drivers a Principal Race Officer and seven assistants to make up a minimum team of 10. We need to ensure that the skipper and crew of any boat will be rostered together for duty on the same day.

For the management of racing to be efficiently and competently run it is important that the PRO is clear about the responsibility of the job. With the help of Martin van der Hoek and Don McMichael a detailed briefing document has been drawn up to guide PROs. A copy of the latest version of this document is displayed on a noticeboard in the Club and it will be updated from time to time if necessary. Copies can be obtained by e-mail from Martin (vdhoek@netspace.net.au). Each PRO will be assisted during a briefing session sometime ahead of the weekend they will be on duty. To start with we will probably hold briefings on the Thursday evening before each duty day. As we move along in the racing program we may decide to hold the briefing sessions less often, perhaps meeting only once a month. Anyone will be welcome to come to these briefings but the object will be to try to sort out any problems foreseen by the PRO ahead of the day they are rostered to run the racing. It will also give me as Director of Racing an opportunity to guide PROs in the way we would like to see our racing program develop at the Club.

To kick off we have had to make up teams for the first few weekends of the new season. A chart is displayed at the Club showing the roster. By displaying this chart we are giving members the opportunity to select when they would prefer to be rostered for race duty. Everyone sailing regularly will get to be rostered someday!

Teams selected for Duty Roster

Teams selected for the first two weekends are the following:

September 24: D. Knights (PRO), P. Forster & P. Manley (drivers), 2 crew (D. Knights), M. Roche, crew (Manley), R. Mcdonald and crew, S. Allen.

October 8: T. Hippisley (PRO), C. Durran & D. Fisher (drivers), 2 crew (T. Hippisley), crew (C. Durran), crew (D. Fisher), I. Smith & 2 crew.

We have provisionally rostered the following PROs and drivers for the first half of the racing calendar:

15 October: S. Langlands (PRO), R. Gallimore & C. Kenyon (drivers)

22 October: D. McMichael (PRO), M. Lindsey & E. Webb (drivers)

29 October: N. Primrose (PRO), C. Tucker & G Gillett (drivers)

5 November: C Ablett (PRO), P Fitzwarryne & A Forster (drivers)

19 November: D. Bizant (PRO), I. Brokenshire & R. Peake (drivers)

26 November: P. Fullagar (PRO), P. Black & D. Kent (drivers)

3 December: P. Dalton (PRO), G. Howarth & A. Houston (drivers)

10 December: S. Harvie (PRO), M. van der Hoek & I. Hawke (drivers)

17 December: P. Russell Snr (PRO), R. Marsh & M. Leydon (drivers)

Please check out these dates. Apart from the crews associated with those members already rostered most remaining places are free for anyone to volunteer and join the team on a preferred date. Have a look at the chart in the club and add your name at a time that is suitable for you! Otherwise you will be 'rostered'.

Remember everyone has to do it once each season and miss a day of sailing. Being rostered for duty and therefore missing an opportunity to compete will be compensated, if necessary, but all such applications for redress will be considered at the end of the season.

It is the responsibility of those rostered to turn up on time and be part of the team for that day but if necessary make arrangements for substitution or swapping with someone and, at the very least, bring this fact to the attention of the duty PRO for that day.

Presentation Lunch



▸ Peter Dalton, Director Member Services, as quiz master



▸ L - R
Peter Russell, Joint Yachtsman of the Year
Peter Dalton, Director Member Services
Bob Marsh, Director Racing
Martin Linsley, Joint Yachtsman of the Year

Deputy Director Designate of Sail Canberra

Neil Primrose, Commodore

The Committee of the Canberra Yacht Club has appointed Matthew Owen as the Deputy Director Designate of Sail Canberra.

Mr Owen has a degree in Economics from the ANU, has been Area Customer Manager for American Express Int. Inc. and has managed five professional 18-foot skiff and 49er campaigns. He presently works at Canberra Hospital in theatre support roles, corporate service areas and as a contributor to development of the Hospital's OH&S policy and procedures.

Mr Owen has already worked with the club's Sailing School and Youth Sail Academy as a guest instructor.

As business manager for 18-footer campaigns he managed sponsors' funds upwards of $400,000 and handled media relations, as well as technical support for the boats, playing dragon for the team and sailing as crew. With the 49ers, he managed three overseas campaigns by Australian national teams and crewed on one of the boats.

He has represented Australia half a dozen times in international match racing series, including three Lexcen Cups, and the NSW Match Racing titles.

Mr Owen is a long-standing member of the Canberra Yacht Club. In this role he has won the NSW State TYA Championship, the Marlay Point Regatta and has been second in the Australian TYA Championship.

He will have particular responsibility for the boat hire element of Sail Canberra. The combination of boat hire and sailing school within the Sail Canberra organisation means that people of all skill levels will be able to hire boats with confidence and safety. Mr Owen is well qualified to manage this initiative.

In the interim, before the final issue of the NCA licence, Mr Owen will work in a senior position in the Sailing School. He will assist the director with the Youth Sail Academy and will have a particular role in developing the secondary schools/colleges program.

We welcome Mr Owen to this position at an exciting time in the growth of our club. We look forward to his adding his considerable skills and experience to the very capable team of people who are engaged in managing our club.

Cruise on **Port Hacking** October long weekend

The CCYA is organising a cruise on Port Hacking over the October long weekend, from Saturday Sep 9 to Monday Oct 2. This is a cruise that will suit all sailors, from those going on their first cruise to the 'old salts'. Port Hacking is between Cronulla and Bundeena/Royal National Park. There is a lot to see and do in the area. For those who want a feel of sea swells there is the opportunity to sail out of Port Hacking, which we'll do a bit of if the weather and conditions are right. There are sandbars in Port Hacking which makes sailing in some areas very interesting. The channels are well marked. There are also some very picturesque bays and inlets to explore, with lovely houses on the foreshore. Finding a safe and protected anchorage at night is not a problem.

The plan is to travel to Sydney early Saturday and meet at the launching ramp at Grays Point Rd, in Gymea Bay. The best way of getting there is to travel along the Hume Highway, turn right at the Picton-Wollongong turnoff, continue east all the way to the Princes Highway and turn left. Continue north through Heathcote, Engadine and Loftus. Turn right on to President Ave leading to Cronulla. You are now travelling due east. A couple of kilometres further turn right into North West Arm Rd. You are now travelling due south. Follow this road as it changes to Grays Point Rd, right down to the waters edge. You will have arrived at a reserve and a large launching area. Make sure you have stocked up on fuel and food beforehand. Water is available from taps in the reserve.

The first night will be in the vicinity of the ramp or the national park at Audley, which is a kilometer of so further up the inlet, i.e. to the right as you face the water. Use your marine radio to make contact with the others. In the morning we will motor back down past the ramp looking for stragglers. From there it all depends on the mood and the weather, but we'll be heading to Burraneer or Gunnamatta Bay or out to sea! Why not join us for a couple of days on the water?

Contact either John White or Martin van der Hoek for further details

Helpers wanted Sunday November 12 for **Try Sailing Day**

Tania Gorman is organising the Club's participation in the national Try Sailing Day being promoted jointly by the Boating Industry of Australia and the Australian Yachting Federation. The date is Sunday November 12 and the Club and the Southern Cross Club are combining to run a program that will draw the community to the Lotus Bay site to try sailing.

Careful preparations need to be made to get a substantial number of people out for a sail and to promote the Club as a sport and leisure opportunity.

Tania is assembling a work team as part of the marketing and promotion portfolio. She needs people to help with the preparatory work and people to serve as officials on the day. She has already been in contact with class associations and is working closely with the Sailing Users' Group.

If you would like to help Tania, please contact the office managers who will pass your name on to Tania.

Sailing the **Web** WWW



If you know of sailing sites, share them with members. Send the links to **rosspeake@hotmail.com**. Here are some to look at:

Clubs & classes
www.ausport.gov.au/yachting/sailling.html

Olympics
www.olympics.com/eng/

AYF
www.yachting.org.au

Class News **Flying Fifteens**

Peter Dalton

Flying Fifteens have pleasure in announcing the birth of new boats joining their fleet. Proud parents of new boats are:

- Peter Forster, Reliance FFeighteen, ex The Boat Comes First
- Stuart Shimeld, ex White N Won
- John Hosking, Final Fling

These boats join the existing newly-built boats to make our fleet one of the highest quality club fleets in Australia. Much of the interest is due to the coming national championships in Broken Bay where it is expected 12 boats will compete from Canberra. Competition will come from Royal Brighton, Royal Queensland, Ballina, Mordialloc, Royal Freshwater Bay, South of Perth and Gippsland Lakes yacht clubs.

A Scottish competitor will also compete in this series which has been planned by the ACT Flying Fifteen Association in conjunction with the Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club over the period December 31, 2000 to January 8, 2001.

Internationally

Peter Fullagar and David Fisher will be sailing in the World Championships at Durban, South Africa in February next year. This is the first such endeavour since Rod Dalgleish and Jim Howell in New Zealand two decades ago.

Local news

The class will have two divisions in championship racing in the summer season. The new division is the Silver Division for boats of older vintage having sail numbers more than 400 numbers below the nearest ????? numbered yacht. This move reflects the world wide class approach to "keeping the dream alive" for the older yachts. Silver Class yachts can compete in the open division. This concept has proven successful in overcoming the problem with the obsolescence of some older boats.

Consultation on **Club strategy and policy**

Your committee wants to draw more closely on the wisdom and insights of all members in its task of leading the Club's affairs. We would like to try the following approach to give all members the opportunity to know about the substantive issues that are before the committee and to engage in dialogue about them with us.

- Publish the forward work plan of the committee in the newsletter.
- Post the agenda on the Club notice board and website at the same time as it is sent to committee members.
- Invite members to talk to committee members about the issues. Expect committee members to consult with interested members, as well as their colleagues, before meetings.
- Place agenda papers on the library shelf at the same time as are circulated to the committee.
- Post minutes of each committee meeting on the notice board and the web site after each meeting.

Confidentiality will need to be retained for some matters, such as staffing matters or some commercial dealings. However, these should be infrequent.

We hope members will use closer access to the business of the committee wisely and constructively. This is not open slather for people who may want to micro-manage the committee or to exercise a veto without taking responsibility.

Experience from other voluntary organisations that have adopted this approach for greater member involvement in the running of their organisation is overwhelmingly positive. Members are responsible in the way they use the opportunity and the benefits are substantial.

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DATES

Reserve these Dates!

Saturday Sep 23
CCTA race, handicap start

Sunday Sep 24
Pointscore No 1 2pm

Sept 30 – Oct 2
CCYA cruise at Port Hacking

Sun Oct 1
Youth academy begins

Sat-Sun Oct 7-8
ACT cat titles at YMNA

Saturday Oct 7
Committee planning day

Sunday Oct 8
Pointscore 2

Saturday Oct 14
CCYA Around the lake rally

Sunday Oct 15
Pointscore 3

Sunday Oct 22
Pointscore 4 Championship 1

Sunday Oct 29
Pointscore 5

Sunday Nov 5
Pointscore 6

Wednesday Nov 8
Twilight No 1

Sat-Sun Nov 11-12
ACT Dinghy titles at YMCA

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Having fun on the water



Students at the Sailing School enjoying a break from their lession. Picture: Graeme Wykes

Sail Canberra Boat Hire

The Canberra Yacht Club runs Canberra's largest boat hire business.

- ☆ You can choose from 30 sailboats - dinghies and cats - from as little as $20 an hour.
- ☆ Boats are available for long term hire to compete in CYC races.
- ☆ An instructor is available to teach novices about safe hire boat practices and the operation is supported by a safety boat at all times.
- ☆ Sail Canberra offers discounts to CYC and Southern Cross Club members and is an AYF registered training centre.

The business is open seven days a week, 10am to 7pm until the end of daylight saving, and 10am to 5pm after that.

For detailed information on self-hire or crewed sailboat hire contact **6273 7177.**

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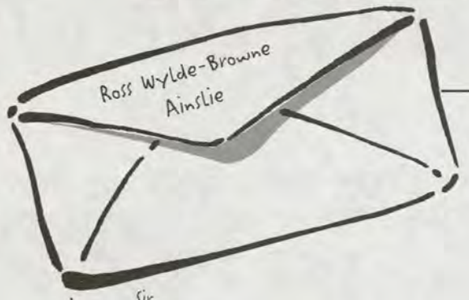

Sir,

I wish to complain about the misleading statements by the Director, Recreational sailing, in the October issue of Sailing News (p4, Picnic and bike ride). After having participated in this event, and needing near bottom gear on some of the uphill stretches, and the Cyclo computer indicating that the maximum speed reached was 40kph on the downhill runs, at which time the track and scenery became just a blur, I consider the description - "The ride will be restricted to the valley floor, along a gentle undulating fire trail winding towards Braidwood and Aralven" - to be totally false.

However, I must say that it was a most exhilarating experience and I learnt a lot about what my mountain bike was capable of trying to keep Popeye and Swampy in sight, and I have now just about recovered from the terrifying descents into enormous washouts at top speed and wondering what would happen when I hit the other side! I also have enormous respect for Peter Dalton who did the same thing on a bike with no suspension, and hope he has now recovered feeling in his arms and other regions.

Following the ride we had a delightful barbeque in Lowden Forest Park in the Tallaganda State Forest. This is a magical place with a rebuilt water wheel and delightful picnic spots, with walks in the forest for those who didn't go on the ride.
I look forward to the next event.

Adopt a Sailing School Graduate

Tanya Stacpoole

We are looking for skippers to nominate themselves to take a recent graduate sailing on either a racing day or for a recreational sail.

We are trying to encourage students to become active members of the club once they have completed the sailing course. At the moment the club is loosing too many students. One reason is students don't know how to make the next step or are a bit intimidated by the whole scene. So in the best interest of the club, let us 'the sailors' break down the barriers.

You may have seen Mattie Owen, Tanya Stacpoole and Sean O'Regan with a clipboard writing names down on racing days. If they haven't nabbed you yet how about volunteering and giving them your name – they'll then explain the details.

We all had to learn at some point and these people are keen – they could potentially be back-up crew for you or a racing competitor. So let's be in it and take the club into the future by inviting new people to sail.

eNewsletter

Soon the club will be sending newsletters by e-mail as well as post. This will save the club postage costs and get the news to your sooner. If you'd like to receive your newsletter by e-mail rather than post, send your e-mail address to admin@canberrayachtclub.com.au and put e-Newsletter in the subject field.

The CYC thanks
Derek Kelly...
for the complimentary printing of the newsletter.
Contact Derek on 6254 1226 for large and small printing jobs.

Commodore's Column

Neil Primrose

Congratulations to Peter Thompson for his fourth in the Paralympic yachting. Great result and a great team behind him. Good one, Peter !

Class racing is again flourishing at our club. This under-girds our core business and brings benefits to all members.

The Laser fleet now has 12 to 15 boats sailing regularly in club events. Sail Canberra graduates are gravitating to Lasers because of the welcoming attitude of Laser sailors and the ease of getting on the water. The Lasers recently took advantage of their preferred class status to hold a coaching day with our club coaches. The day was rated a great success.

The 29ers are growing steadily in competence under an active class association. We are also seeing an increasing number of Flying 11s on the water each week. In both classes, CYC members have the opportunity to hire boats to see which class best suits their family situation, before making a decision to buy a boat themselves. There is an active second hand market in both classes.

The Flying 15s have three new boats on the water this season and have 10 to 12 boats sailing in club events. They are a well-organised fleet with strong support for new members. They have also been granted preferred class status.

Class racing is also building in the trailable yacht divisions. The Gem 550s are growing strongly, with seven boats now in Canberra and interest in more. They have an active class association, a welcoming attitude and a very "go ahead" spirit. They are a preferred class of the club.

In the recent Trailable Yacht Regatta, the Gems, the Castle 650s and the Elliott 7s all enjoyed close class racing. The energy and the enthusiasm that came from this is worth capturing. Each of these classes is participating actively in Tanya Stacpoole's "Adopt a Graduate" scheme for the Sailing School adult classes.

The Elliott 7s have been granted preferred class status and are committed to developing the top end of our trailable yacht fleet.

I hope the Castles will get themselves organised in a way that reflects their numbers in our club. I also hope that the presence of catamarans in the Sail Canberra inventory will be a stimulus for the cat people to build their fleets.

Your committee will be looking at ways to strengthen the Preferred Class Policy to further support those classes that are working hard at growth and that contribute to the life of the club.

Members may care to follow the development of our finances and budget in the minutes of the last committee meeting. These are posted on the notice board in the Sailors' Cabin. They give an indication of the substance of our club – we are approaching an annual turnover of $0.25 million – and the pace of our development.

As a result of our growth, it's time to extend the hours our office is opened and the range of financial and administrative tasks required of our office manager. Barbara and Carol have decided they wish to finish up at the end of the year and we will be looking for one person to undertake the extended work.

We would all like to thank Barbara and Carol for the commitment, energy and care they brought to our club in their time as joint office managers. We will still be seeing plenty of them around the club and we look forward to their company.

As well as our employed staff, we continue to rely heavily on our volunteers. We have a terrific band of volunteers, but we are at the stage where there now are more opportunities than we can manage with the folk who have volunteered so far.

Now we need you !!

It's interesting to see the number of recently retired folk who are now bringing their management skills to bear in the club's affairs. Perhaps you have recently joined this state of bliss. We can offer you an outlet for your skills and good fellowship in a rewarding task.

Please see the Job Search column in this newsletter and give thought to how you might contribute.

And please talk to me if you would like to join in this endeavour.

One of the issues we will have to look at between now and the beginning of the next summer season is the development of a senior dinghy class at the club to cater for those who want to move up to something satisfying beyond the intermediate classes. There seems to be a lack of a suitable senior, modern dinghy class with spinnaker and trapeze to meet our needs. The task of identifying a suitable class and finding the right people to establish it will not be easy. I would appreciate your ideas.

As members will have noted from Ross Wylde-Browne's piece in the last newsletter, your committee has been talking with the CCYA about ways in which the two clubs might usefully co-operate. At the time of writing, your committee has only just considered the range of options proposed by the CCYA. Some we are attracted to, others we are not. In all of this, our priority has been "what is best for the CYC, consistent with the good of sailing in the ACT?"

I would like to do the CCYA executive the courtesy of talking to them before the results of our consideration are reported in the newsletter. In the meantime, CYC members should be very clear that your committee would not enter into any arrangement that would require CYC members to join the CCYA in order to engage in or enjoy any of the services and activities of the CYC.

As we look towards the second half of our summer season, I should like to pay tribute to the enormous effort of all the members of your committee. You might also like to let them know that you appreciate their efforts.

A blessed and happy Christmas to all and best wishes for the New Year.

Recreational Sailing

Lady Skipper Race

Ross Wylde-Browne

A successful recreational sailing Lady Skipper race was held on Saturday December 9 with 10 boats participating including two Flying Fifteens and a trimaran. The Flying Fifteens were both crewed by daughter and father teams - Col Durham crewing for his daughter Courteney and Graham Giles for his daughter Stephanie, a former CYC Yachtswoman of the Year.

The start was interesting with five boats attempting to get to the pre-start side of the line at the same time as the others were starting, with Courteney getting the best start. The race developed into a three-way tussle for line honours with Sara Kennedy in Scooter getting the jump in the last leg from Stephanie in a Flying Fifteen, and Anita Scott-Murphy in Seventh Wave. This was a great achievement for Sara as Stephanie normally took the lead when they used to sail against each other in Mirrors years ago.

Julie Bizant had her brother from the bush crewing who said that sailing was much better than being out there with the sheep, while Eric Webb had his daughter Emma on the helm and son Scott crewing, the only one with two children on board.

The post-race atmosphere was very warm, with everyone looking forward to the next event. Our thanks to Martin, Karen and Chris for running the race, and to Terrie who got sponsorship for all the prizes.

Our thanks to the following generous sponsors: CCYA; Bizarre Hair Design, Manuka; Gwen Bowman Boutique, Belconnen Mall; Sally Visser Beauty House, Hawker; Ondina Skin Care Therapy, Belconnen; and the ACT Cancer Council who provided some slip, slop, slap products.

Notice of race and entry forms for the ACT Trailable Yacht Championships on January 26-27, 2001 are now available in the Sailors' Cabin.

The next scheduled CCYA recreational sailing event will be the night race on February 10, 2001.

Recreational Crusing

Martin van der Hoek and Ross Wylde-Browne

St Georges Basin

weekend of 18-19 Nov

You may recall that it rained solidly the week leading up to this weekend and the forecast on Friday for the weekend was for more of the same. Not surprisingly, the pin was pulled on this outing at 11am on Friday morning, just as eight rigs were ready to roll. A big disappointment all 'round. One couple from Canberra took matters into the own hands and went anyway. It turned out to be an excellent call - not a drop of rain fell all weekend!

With bags and boats packed and nowhere to go, a group of us decided to head off down the coast anyway and book a couple of cabins at South Durras, expecting to sit on the verandah, and drink/eat our way through a weekend while watching the rain fall.

We ended up swimming, cycling and walking … and all this while we could have been sailing! We drowned our sorrows at happy hour.

Next outing?

The Myall Lakes, post Christmas period

As usual there will be two groups of local yachties at Myall Lakes, with one group making the base at Shelley Beach; the other at Naranie/Kataway. Both are excellent spots and easily accessible (by water).

The contact person for the Shelley mob is Peter Taylor; the other is me. If you are thinking of spending time up there speak to either for details about access ramps, provisions and expected arrival times. At some time or other the two groups will meet. I wouldn't be surprised to find up to a dozen CYC/CCYA yachts up there in the post Boxing Day period. If you haven't spent some time up there, you're missing out! It's pretty much an all day drive getting there so allow yourself a week to thoroughly unwind.



Former Commodore Gains Prestigious Gliding Award

Long time CYC member and former Commodore John White recently received the Wally Wallington Award for outstanding service to the sporting arm of the Gliding Federation of Australia.

Wally Wallington was well known for his activities in gliding, meteorology and ballooning but what is less well known is that he also had an interest in sailing and had previously been a CYC member and owner of a Flying Fifteen.

John began gliding in 1944 in England and continued after coming to Australia. He has been active with the Canberra Gliding Club since 1964 and as well as achieving high levels of performance personally, he also took on the role of instructor and has fostered the soaring careers of most of the existing "experienced" members of the Canberra Gliding Club.

In 1995, with the advent of the formal coaching system in Australia, he enthusiastically supported the proposal, gaining Level 2 coaching qualifications and took up the role of chief coach with the Canberra club as well as Regional Training Officer for southern NSW. He has since recruited and help train another 10 coaches in the region.

The citation states that John White's contribution to the sport of gliding has been exemplary and worthy of the acclaim intended by the Wallington Award for outstanding service to the sporting arm of the Gliding Federation of Australia.



New Members

A very big welcome to these new members to our club:

Lynette Adams	Danielle Hyndes
Vic Adams	John Hyndes
Andrew Bond	Matthew Hyndes
Colin Campbell	Stephen Leicester
Tasmin Cowap	Erin McGrath
Susan Day	Stephen McGrath
John Deeble	Theresa McGrath
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Peter Hoskins	Laurie Mann
Adrian Hyndes	

Job Search

CAPS Program

We need someone to co-ordinate the Careers and Pathways in Sport (CAPS) program for the Youth Sailing Academy. This guides teenagers through a series of experience-based learning modules designed to provide skills in running sporting events and club affairs. The task is to manage and co-ordinate the Program, not necessarily to teach. We also need a number of people to supervise students doing the Program. Retired teachers would be "just the ticket". If you would like to be involved with the Program, please contact Neil Primrose.

Flying 11 Association

We would like to hear from parents who have children interested in sailing the Flying IIs to form a local association to develop the class in Canberra and co-ordinate events with Sydney and Melbourne clubs that sail the class. Please see Sean O,Regan if you would like to be involved.

Boat Hire Supervisors

Matthew Owen would like to hear from people who are interested in responsible, part-time (paid) work as supervisors in the Boat Hire operation. To be eligible, candidates must have sailing experience, preferably to Assistant Instructor level, and a TL3 certificate with rescue endorsement, or be capable of acquiring that quickly.

Gift Vouchers

Christmas, birthdays . . .

Having trouble deciding on a present to give?

Why not give a sailing course!

What better way to spend this summer than feeling the wind in your hair, relaxing and enjoying life.

Gift vouchers are available for all Sailing School courses.

For more information telephone 6273 7177

Chas Powell

Ross Wylde-Browne



Chas (right) with Field of Play Manager Bill Joselin (centre) and Laurie McDonald (left) on duty at the Rushcutters Bay Marina during the Olympics.

Club member Chas Powell died on Friday December 1 at the age of 50 years. Chas was a long-time member of the now defunct Canberra Sailboard Club, and as well as becoming an extremely proficient sailor, gave unstintingly of his time to club organization and to the teaching and encouragement of newcomers to the club. He also put his business acumen to good use by taking on the Treasurer's job with the NSW Boardsailing Association.

On the competitive side he won the Australian Masters title in 1993-94 and as recently as last season won the NSW Masters. Chas and his trailer were well known sights at any sailboard competition in Canberra and up and down the length of the NSW coast.

Although I had known Chas casually for many years, the friendship really developed over the last 18 months while we were working together on the sailing results team for the Olympics. This task was one that Chas really wanted to be involved with and despite being in constant pain and discomfort he didn't miss a rostered shift and was still operating the radio on the last Soling match race after all other races had concluded.

After the funeral a group of his boardsailing friends went out to "chase the Easterly" on Lake Burley Griffin, and Olympic sailor and coach, Brendan Todd, took Chas' board "8T8" out for a final spin on the lake.

Chas Powell's friendly, easy going and helpful presence will be sadly missed.

Look

in your shed

The sailing school is in need of a swaging tool. If you have one sitting in the shed please donate it to the school. Please call Sean or Matt on 6273 4777.

Sponsorship

Queensland Yacht Charters offer 10% discount to CYC members booking holidays with them. If you're going north, please support our sponsor by giving QYC a call.

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Weather
www.bom.gov.au/weather

Boating Oz
www.boatingoz.com.au

Sailing Online
www.sailing-online.com.au

Top Yacht

Martin van der Hoek

Ever wondered how the race results are calculated?

Would you like to know how it's done? The fact is we would like you to learn!

The program used to calculate all race results is called Top Yacht. It is a reasonably simple program to use, depending on how well you relate to computer programs. The club is currently dependent on a very small number of people to input race details, often relying on someone after they have finished racing and put their boat away. This means a delay in announcing the results. What we need is core group of competent Top Yacht users.

Everyone is subject to the new roster system. If you race you are likely to be called up for your one-day-in-the-year roster duty. We roster 10 people on each race day and each has a specific task, whether it be taking race entries, running the race, driving the rescue boat, recording finishing times, cooking the sausages or manning the bar. If none of those are your cup of tea, how about entering the race results? It has to be done.

Chris (Brutus) Kenyon is the guru on Top Yacht. He has run a Top Yacht class before and is willing to do so again. Before we're swamped with participants, may I refer you to the Top Yacht web site, where you can download the software free of charge and, if nothing else, get a feel for the program. Some may find they don't need any further training. If after familiarising yourself with the program you would like to input the Sunday race details, under supervision, please step forward on any race day. The site address is www.topyachtsoftware.com

If you have any questions and/or want to be included in the training session, please contact Brutus on 6296 1290 (h). A date is yet to be set for a training course but if a sufficient number of people come forward a session on Top Yacht could be run early in the New Year. Thanks to those few members who have already expressed an interest in participating.



CYC Open Day - Try Sailing!

A glorious Sunday morning was the setting for the second go at a CYC Try Sailing Day promotion. The first attempt was totally washed out, so another scaled-down version was scheduled for Sunday December 10 between 9.30 am and noon.

The beautiful day drew more than 100 people interested in being taken for a sail and getting more information about our club. The initial lack of wind did not deter the mums and dads and kids of all ages lining up to register. In fact, by 9.30 am there was a line of 40 people, so a quick rounding up and rigging of boats accommodated them with minimal waiting time. By mid-morning there were trailer sailers, a bright yellow trimaran, hobie cats of all sizes and CYC hire boats all over the lake full of happy customers.

Visitors also spent time looking at static displays such as a Sydney Olympic Laser, 29ers, and trailer boats such as the Gems and Martin's Farr 6 - open for a tour and a friendly chat. Display boards on Sailing School and Academy activities were also popular, with many new enrolments. The boat hire information was also in demand and bookings taken on the spot for later in the day.

Organisers, Nick Hildyard, Tanya Stacpoole and Mark Wallis, would like to thank all the helpers and the many skippers who rallied on the day to make a modest affair a big success. Matt Walsh, Manager of CSCC Yacht Club, provided us with tremendous support with a marquee, food and drinks. We would also like to take credit for the great jazz bands but can't this time.

The registration forms filled in by our visitors on the day indicate a strong interest in sailing lessons and other club activities, so hopefully this event will mean more CYC members in the coming months.

Yachting Association of the ACT
Election of new Executive

The Annual Meeting of the YA of the ACT was well attended and quickly completed.

The new executive is John Whitfield, President; Kim Williams, Senior Vice-President; Neil Primrose, Vice President; Don McMichael, Secretary; and John Graham, Treasurer. Each of the clubs appoints a representative. These, together with the executive, form the council. We will need to nominate someone from the CYC.

The council will also need to appoint chairs for the Training Co-ordination Committee and the newly established Major Events Committee that will give the clubs a strategic overview of events that they may wish to support. Suggestions for good people who may be prepared to chair or join those committees might be forwarded to John Whitfield on 6292 5893 (h) or 6280 0991 (w).

Laser News

Stuart Allan

In the last Laser News I reported that the CYC laser fleet was to be represented at the NSW & ACT Laser Association Masters Championships hosted by the Laser Squadron of Belmont 16' Skiff Sailing Club. Dave Holt, John Tracey, Phillip Russell, Steve Leicester and yours truly made the trek north. Peter Russell snr was also there as the much appreciated pit crew for our contingent.

There were 99 registrations for the regatta. Belmont's facilities are fabulous for Laser sailing, the organisation was first class and a fantastic dinner was put on by the club (at a very reasonable price). Everything was in place for a top regatta …pity about the weather! It would be an understatement to say there was an oversupply of rain and an undersupply of wind. Four heats were scheduled. Heat one finally got away for the full rigs (which all our guys were sailing) two hours late in 1 to 3 kts of variable SSE air (you couldn't say breeze!). Dave, Steve and John were right on the pace. They were in the top 10 for much of the race. The other heats were abandoned. People had travelled from as far away as Cairns and Victoria for the series. The association is considering re-running the championships in the New Year.

Changing the subject entirely, you may be slightly surprised to learn that the CYC Laser fleet has some individuals who have a bit more sailing experience than your average bear. The latest to feature is Rob Saunders. Rob is in this year's Sydney to Hobart as sailing master on the 11.1m. Swarbrick sloop Alexander (sail no.3807). Sitting on the rail for four (?) days Rob, is probably almost as pleasurable as hiking a Laser flat over 12 heats of the Laser Nationals which I will be doing, also in Hobart. Have a good one Rob!!

You would have to say this season has had more than its share of light winds. Some would say that the lighter sailors have had things a bit their way! So it was gratifying for the ranks of the kilo challenged members of the fleet to see Roger Ramsay out grunt the usual suspects to windward in a nice Wednesday afternoon sailing breeze and take line honours. Keep going Roger!

Best wishes to everyone for a safe and happy festive season.

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Trailerable
multihull nationals

-From the deck of Tribolite, - Peter Withington

Five Canberra-based trimarans entered the 2000 trailerable multihull national regatta at Wangi RSL Sailing Club on Lake Macquarie in late November. The field was 25 cats and trimarans from the eastern states.

Reasonable Doubt and Side FX-2 were entered in division 1 for larger (read faster) multis and Cirrus, Trilobite and Tinkerbell were in division 2. All five tri's won places and positions confirming the quality and excellence of Canberra multihull sailors. The weather varied from light wings with rain to strong though steady winds up to 20 knots. The end of the week provided excellent sailing in clear skies with steady strong breezes. A visit to Lake Macquarie is highly recommended for all sailors.

Results:

Dieter and crew on Reasonable Doubt won first place on handicap in division 1 and are now the national champions.

Marty and crew on Side FX-2 finished sixth in division 1 and won the F-24 class trophy against two other F-24s.

Michael and John on Cirrus won first place on handicap in division 2 with the best overall score in the regatta.

Pete and Chris on Tribolite won second place on handicap in division 2 with the second best overall score in the regatta.

Wayne and crew on Tinkerbell won third place on handicap in division 2.

Although the competition was close, right down to the last race, the atmosphere was friendly and enjoyable with crews improving their performances as the week's racing progressed. The Wangi regatta organisers deserve great credit for a most enjoyable week's sailing.



Paul Scrivener on Gomez — Picture: Graeme Wykes

Update
on performance-based handicaps for trailerables

Martin van der Hoek and Chris Kenyon

Trailer sailors would know that performance-based handicaps were introduced at the start of the summer series. It was decided to go to performance-based handicaps for several reasons, including:

1. Different class basic handicaps (CBH) exist for the same classes in some States, thus raising the question as to which one the CYC should apply.
2. Some boats have been modified and those modifications are difficult to express as a variation to the existing handicap.
3. Some modifications are made but never acknowledged. This might include a bigger rig, oversized spinnaker, lighter keel, modified rudder, etc.
4. Some boats had no allocated CBH and this method allowed the CYC handicap committee to determine an appropriate CBH based on the results achieved relative to a mark boat.

To refresh your memory, these handicaps were calculated as a relative performance indicator over the previous two years racing conducted by the CYC. The two class handicaps which remained constant were those of the bench mark classes, the Castle 650 (0.720) for Div 1 boats and the Farr 6000 (0.633) for Div 1B (now Div 2). It was agreed that the new class handicaps would be reviewed mid-series and adjusted, if necessary.

As a result of these new handicaps, the winner each week is no longer a foregone conclusion. The winner can now be found among those boats that have sailed better than their previous average performance. Mind you, every performance will find its way back into the program!

The mid-season review - after 11 races, will go ahead as planned. The program for calculating the handicaps is in place. All that is required is to download the elapsed times from Top Yacht and press the button. The handicaps for the second half of the series, amended or otherwise, will be posted on the noticeboard in the Sailors Cabin in the usual place, after race 11 and before race 12.

PS. We are not yet at mid-series but the elapsed times of all trailerables for the last eight races have been downloaded from the race results in Top Yacht. The result was that only two classes emerged with a variation to their existing handicaps, and that variation is 0.002. One class went up, one went down. These results suggest that the current handicaps are pretty much 'spot on'.

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Dec 31-Jan 9
F15 Nationals
RPAYC

Sunday Jan 14
Pointscore 12

Wednesday Jan 17
Twilight 7

Sunday Jan 21
Pointscore 13, championship 4

Wednesday Jan 24
Twilight 8

Fri-Sun Jan 26-28
ACT trailerable championships

Sunday Jan 28
Pointscore 14

Wednesd
Twilight 9

Sunday F
Pointscore 15

Wednesd
Twilight 10

Saturday Feb 10
CCYA night race

Sunday Feb 11
Pointscore 16, championship 5

Wednesday Feb 14
Twilight 11

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