



## **Executive Committee Annual Report – July 2023**

After the structural work performed in the prior year and the end of lockdowns, your Executive Committee (EC) felt that we needed to substantially promote the Club to the broader sailing and also the local community as a venue for events, both sailing and community.

During the 2022-23 year, the EC took on a number of short and long-term initiatives designed to strengthen and support the Club well into the future. These initiatives were focused on maintaining the family-friendly nature of the Club, supporting and growing the junior membership, and growing the membership in a sustainable way to support the Club's ongoing financial position.

### **Short-term initiatives**

#### **Training**

Training became a major focus for both the Off the Beach (OTB) and Keelboat (KB) fleets. For the OTB Junior fleet the Club was able to employ Matilda Richardson thanks to a generous donation from the Lions Club of Dromana. This resulted in an overall increase in confidence by junior sailors and also saw an increase in participation across states and national titles. A special thanks to Rear Commodore Andrew Martin and many of the OTB sailors for getting behind a formal training program.

#### **Junior Training**

The EC is pleased to announce that for the 2023-24 season, the Lions Club of Dromana have again made a generous donation and Matilda will be back in the summer to continue training our juniors. To support her in this endeavour the EC has approved the purchase of a new inflatable for training and safety purposes.

#### **Keelboat Initiatives**

For the KB fleet, the Keelboat Captain John Wemyss, acting on recommendations from the Risk Management committee enlisted the Ocean Racing Club of Victoria (ORCV) Simon Dryden to lead Person Overboard training sessions for skippers and crews which encouraged all skippers to have a POB plan in case of emergency. John and his team also made course changes removing the Port lateral mark at the channel entrance from all courses.

John and his team have also been focused on more skipper and crew meetings to discuss proposed changes and the introduction of winter Friday afternoon sailing. Along with this the KB fleet will adopt Sailsys as a replacement to Top Yacht. This will allow significantly more flexibility as it is cloud-based.

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## Yard Keys

The yard keys had not been changed in many years and the EC felt that this was a security issue as there was no register of keys and no way of knowing how many keys were in use. The EC decided on registered keys so we have a key register and these cannot be easily recut.

## Long-term Initiatives

Over the 2022-23 year the EC took a forward-looking approach to investment in the Club's long-term future by expanding on the building work done in the previous year

## Solar Panels

As a tenant of a Shire leased facility the Club was invited to participate in a Solar Incentivisation Program with Mornington Peninsula Shire (MPS). At the time of writing this report the Club is awaiting the final proposal to review and, if satisfactory, will opt-in to the program through a formal agreement. The EC sees this as both a commitment to the sustainability of the Club and also to the environment. The EC would like to acknowledge and thank Rick Potter for his input on this project.

## Child Safe Standards

The EC is committed towards implementing the revised Victorian Child Safe Standards. It is a legislated requirement for associations and organisations whose activities involve children to have policies, procedures, and practices to keep them safe. SBSC is bound by the Australian Sailing policies and procedures, as well as the National Integrity Framework, which together provide us with the foundation documents needed.

EC members have undertaken Sports Integrity Child Safe training modules and Working with Children Checks. Next priorities include appointment of a Child Safety Officer, a Member Protection Officer and modifications to the downstairs change rooms.

## Renovations to the Changerooms

The Club is planning on renovating the downstairs changerooms. We are working with MPS to take a collaborative approach to the renovations. The work will include a general modernisation to the rooms and the provision of separate shower stalls which are a requirement of Child Safe Standards.

## Sailing Events

The premier event for the Club is Sail Peninsula. Once again, Sail Peninsula was generously supported by Berwick Landrover and was one of the highlights in February. With 61 entrants, including division 1 boats, 8 trailables, 5 sports boats and 4 multihulls.

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In March, the Club hosted the 420 State titles.

For the coming year the Club has secured the B14's, Musto Skiffs and Javelin titles in January. February will again see Sail Peninsula and the Int,14's State Titles in March.

Hosting events contributes significantly to the SBSC brand and revenue, but it does not happen without a large amount of work from Club volunteers. We always need volunteers for these events so please indicate if you would like to help out.

### **Financial State**

The Club today is in a strong financial position. Our membership has grown and we have a strong balance sheet with a 9% growth in nett assets and equity. Our current liabilities continue a downward trend were down on the previous years and our income grew slightly over prior year. Significantly more information will be in the Treasurer's Report.

Our Treasurer, Di Allan, will be stepping down from the position at the AGM. The EC would like to thank Di for not only the commitment she made to the Treasurer's role but for also the invaluable advice she gave during the EC meetings throughout the year.

### **Membership Secretary**

For many new members, Jenny Thomson is their first official contact with the Club. Jenny will be stepping down after many years' service and the EC would like to thank her for her commitment not only to the Membership Secretary position but also to the EC and the Childsafe Program. John Di Martino is taking over the Membership Secretary role from Jenny. John has been working with Jenny for several months and Jenny will remain close by if assistance is required. The EC welcomes John to his new role.

### **Membership Statistics**

SBSC, as at June 20<sup>th</sup> 2023, has a total membership of 496, which is a net increase of 7 from last year. The most significant increase in membership category is Social, up by 36.6% and the largest decrease was Juniors, down by 26%.

The average age of our membership is 52.3 years (it was 50 last year). We have 42% females, 57% males and 1% members not identified. This percentages are very similar to last year. 182 of the members are full voting members.

### **Membership Breakdown**

- 168 Seniors (excluding Life) – a decrease of 18.4% on last year
- 45 Junior/Student – a decrease of 26.2% on last year (Juniors are part of a full family or enrolled as students. Juniors included in social membership are included in the social number and not identified as students as non sailing)
- 60 Crew – an increase of 5.3% on last year

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- 14 Life – an increase of 2
- 209 Social – an increase of 36.6% on last year

#### Comparison with previous years

	2022/23	2021/22	2020/21	2019/20	2018/19	2017/18	2016/17	2015/16	2014/15
Senior	168	206	214	182	198	195	190	209	171
Junior/Student	45	61	64	51	58	76	90	112	109
Crew	60	57	64	55	45	37	14	15	10
Life	14	12	13	13	12	13	13	11	13
Social	209	153	124	64	55	63	71	88	66
<b>Total</b>	<b>496</b>	<b>489</b>	<b>479</b>	<b>365</b>	<b>398</b>	<b>411</b>	<b>423</b>	<b>466</b>	<b>388</b>

#### Social Committee

The Social Committee continue to a great job in extending the activities at SBSC. Its not surprising that growth in the Club is in the social membership category. With new members meet and greet functions, Sunday Sounds, Golf days, Christmas in July and other events, the rise in social Club membership and non-sailing events continues to bring more people to the Club. A special thanks to John and Ann Matheson and the Social Committee for their hard work in making SBSC a Club of choice.

#### Snooks Catering

David, Deirdre and the Snooks catering team did a great job through the year with events, Thursday and Friday dining and Sunday morning kiosk and afternoon savouries in the dining room.

The EC looks forward to continued high quality and service and thanks David, Deirdre and the entire team for their ongoing support of the Club and its members.

#### Special Thanks

For everyone that volunteers at the Club, thank you. Your Club relies on everyone that gives of their time to ensure that the Club not only runs efficiently but also has enough people doing the things that matter to make the Club work. As the Club grows we need more people lending a hand and getting involved.

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The EC would especially like to thank the members of the following committees that give their time and knowledge to make the Club function properly.

Sailing Committee	Junior Committee
Keelboat Committee	Social Committee
Off the Beach Committee	Sponsorship and Grants
eNews	Risk Management
Sail Peninsula Organising Committee	Strategic Planning
KB Club Captain	OTB Club Captain
Junior Club Captain	Tower Team
IT Committee	Yard Master

#### **Your Executive Committee**

Commodore	Tony Christmas
Rear Commodore	Andrew Martin
Treasurer	Di Allan
Secretary	Mem Mackie
Acting Vice Commodore	John Matheson
Membership Secretary	Jenny Thomson
Risk Management	Phil Wooley
Committee Member and KB Captain	John Wemyss
Committee Member	John Bacon

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