



# HOBSONS BAY YACHT CLUB

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## MINUTES

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING FRIDAY 05 Sep 2024 at 7.30pm at HBYC

#### MEETING OPENING

COMMODORE – JONATHAN FRYER declared the meeting open at 7.30pm.

Commodore delivered an Acknowledgement of Country:

*"I would like to acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land and waterways on which we gather and sail, the Yalukit Willam clan of the boon wurrung people, part of the Kulin Nation.*

*We pay our respects to their elders' past, present, and emerging, and recognise their ongoing connection to this land and waters.*

1 A quorum was reached with 56 members present.

#### ATTENDEES/APOLOGIES

##### 2 Attendees

Jonathan Fryer	Alex Morton	Craig Jackson
David Gaylor	Darryl Leech	Pat Caruso
Tony Dawson	Rod Fuller	Stephen Cheney
Ross Magor	Leo Eeckman	Adele Seymon
Colin Orchard	Ross Magor	Erwin Koster
Rob Grant	Colin Orchard	Tony Johnston
Leon Berry	Tim Metherall	Keith Mitchell
Liz Thom	Colin Leake	Ryan Blackstock
Tim Hooper	Greg Hynes	David Bock
Patricia Mackevicius	Vic O'Driscoll	Tony Dawson
Robert Brown	Simon Wilkins	Lyn Dawson
Glenys Brown	Marina Monz	David McInnes
Emma Arnold	Philip Oefner	Rodney Langham
Rob Tanner	Ray Proudlock	Ross Finlay
David Buck	Bill Feore	David Gaylor
Corey Loveday	Roy Thompson	Kevin LeNepveu
Andrew Blackstock	Zark Sango	Peter McCarthy
Per Pullin	Rachael Spiteri	Cam Smith
Leo Eeckman	Adele Sattout	

### 3 Apologies

Laurent Ailleres	Paul Beresford	Nick Foa
Eddie Mackevicius	Julianne Gibson	Anna Pastor
Brian Rich	David Gibson	Stephen Cheney
Colin Wood	Michael Cahill	Coral Allen
David Judge	Mary Cahill	Ray Allen
Ian Mitchell	Michael Grace	Corey Loveday
Gary Prestedge	Mark Sheahan	Robert Bradley
Fiona Prestedge	Rod Fuller	Michael Bradley
Paul Neilson	Peter McDonald	Tim Ford
Sally Neilson	Lyn McDonald	Georgie Mitchell
Miles Williamsz	Chris Maine	Andrew Hesselmanns
Ralph Woodward	Peter Clark	Brett Blakemore
Gary Marks	Le Yen Boc	John Allen
Deb Marks	Maryanne Podolczak	Muriel Allen

### **VALE - One Minutes Silence**

Commodore stated, on behalf of Hobsons Bay Yacht Club, our deepest sympathy and condolences go out to those families, and to those families of other members, that have passed in the last 12 months.

### **PREVIOUS MINUTES**

- 4 Commodore requested if there were any amendments to the Minutes of the last General Members Meeting, held on Friday 28 March 2025? There were none requested.
- 5 Commodore requested if someone would like to move and second that the MINUTES OF FRIDAY 28 MARCH 2025 - GENERAL MEMBERS MEETING (On the Club Website) be accepted?
- Moved: Ryan Blackstock                      Seconded: Rachael Spiteri                      Carried: Yes

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

- 6 There was no correspondence received for this meeting.

### **MEMBERSHIP RECOGNITION**

- 7 Commodore recognised and presented members with 25 years membership:

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| • Nicolas Foa     | • Ross Magor     |
| • Ryan Blackstock | • Daniel Kennedy |

- 8 Commodore then welcomed all new members to the club.

## HONORARY TREASURERS REPORT – MARINA MONZ

### 9 Key Points Raised:

- Surplus of \$83K compared to \$111K prior year
- Finalisation of Hall Renovations and new TV in upstairs bar area
- Regular Marina Maintenance Program commenced
- Repairs to Privateer
- Resignation of Club Manager
- Cans recycling & Youth Squad Grant
- Finance sub-committee meeting monthly

### 10 The motion to adopt that the ANNUAL REPORT AND BALANCE SHEET for FINANCIAL YEAR 2024/ 2025 be accepted?

Moved: Marina Monz

Seconded: Tim Metherall

Carried: Yes

### 11 The motion that STANNARDS be elected Auditor for FINANCIAL YEAR 2025/ 2026 be accepted?

Moved: Marina Monz

Seconded: Pat Caruso

Carried: Yes

## COMMODORES REPORT – JONATHAN FRYER

### 12 Key Points Raised:

- General Overview of the Club
- Thanked all HBYC Staff
- Thanked Flag Officers, General Committee, and Sub Committees
- Thanked members leaving the General Committee:
  - General Committee member and Finance Sub-Committee – Rachael Spiteri
  - General Committee member and Finance Sub-Committee – Anna Pastor
  - General Committee member and Social Sub-Committee – Maryanne Podolczak
- Accomplishments in the last twelve months:
  - Replace the Privateer Start Boat
  - Continue increasing participation in racing and cruising events
  - Consolidate the youth training group
  - Consolidate the operation of the HBYC Foundation with money now in the funds
  - Build on community engagement & sponsors
  - Maintain membership numbers, just over 800 members at end of July 2025
  - Part of Williamstown users' group to successfully reduce speed limit of the ferries
  - Replaced our Club Manager - Welcome onboard Scottie

### 13 Strategic Goals for 2025/ 2026

Goal 1: Go sailing, get people to come with you ,win stuff and beat the Royals.

Goal 2: Have good buildings and club boats .

Goal 3: Be nice to each other , make money and look after the land and water we sail on .

Goal 4: The club is for everybody ,manage it well .

- I think we are doing it!

## COMMODORES REPORT – JONATHAN FRYER (Continued):

- Congratulated:

- Club Members of the Year – Coral & Ray Allen
- Club Community Member of the Year – Robert Tanner
- Club Aggregate winner of the Year: Encore – Bill Feore

- Staff changes and thanks:

- Our club manager of nearly six years, Rod Austin resigned to take up the role of Victorian Manager of Australian Sailing. We are all eternally grateful to Rod and we will miss him at HBYC. He is already making great progress at Australian Sailing which can only be good for all keelboat clubs.
- We welcome the new Manager Scottie Biggers who has just joined us. Please make him welcome.
- We have appointed Tania Mosheev to bar & functions manager. Big thanks to Grace Foa for filling the role.
- Leon Berry and his team including Tim Metherrall and Rob have continued to deliver outstanding results.
- Thanks also to the Office staff, Erica, and Zoe; Racing staff, Stephen and Training staff, Michael
- Thanks to Craig Jackson for filling in as Interim Club Manager for the last three months.

- Thanked Hobsons Bay Yacht Club Sponsors:

Peter Sadler Removals &  
Logistics

The Office Williamstown

Stannards Auditors

Jellis Craig Real Estate

PGN Geoscience

Flotek Hydraulic Services

Signway Signs

Hop Nation Brewery

Mech N Air Construction &  
Access Equipment

Scotchman's Hill Winery

Aviso Specialty Insurance

Luxcel Blinds

Mayvers Peanut Butter

## VICE COMMODORES REPORT – DAVID GAYLOR

### 14 Key Points Raised:

#### Sailing Committee

- A dedicated team providing a broad range of sailing experiences for members.
- The Training Committee
- The Safety Audit Team
- She Sails and the Women's Working Group
- Cruising Group (on-water and on-land)
- The Start Boat Working Group
- The Handicapper
- The Protest Committee
- Professional support from our Sailing Administrator

#### Recognition:

- The Sailing Committee recognised these individuals for their outstanding contribution:
  - Male Sailor - Gary Marks
  - Female Sailor - Sue Burke
  - Youth Sailor - Theresa Morton
  - Race Volunteer - Ray Proudlock, Keith Mitchell

## **VICE COMMODORES REPORT – DAVID GAYLOR (Continued):**

### Highlights:

- Increased participation in all formats
- Club racing / Combined events (PPNYC) / Cruising / Dinghies / Dragon Force
- 60th Anniversary Port Phillip Sea Pilots Race - Premier event
- Youth Sailing / Female Helm Races - Embedded fixture
- Cruising in company / Dining in company – Growing popularity
- Regattas and events – M2O, Dinghy champs, Regattas.
- Safety training and Information nights – Rules night, MOB training.
- Administration excellence , Documents, Policies , Safety Compliance.
- September 2025 – Purchase & Delivery: 2011 Kevla Cat 3000
- The New Start Boat arrived this week. Minor modifications to meet our requirements to start immediately – Flag mast, Wind instruments, Mods to toilet, workstation etc.
- To be available for Opening Day with a naming ceremony planned.

### Acknowledgments:

- HBYC Management & Staff
- Sailing Committee
- Volunteers for all HBYC Sailing Activities

## **REAR COMMODORES REPORT – SIMON HOBBS**

### 15 Key Points Raised:

#### Training

- Training sub-committee grows to 10 members
- Increasingly growing calendar of accredited training courses
- 28 courses run, 94 participants
- Female only courses
- Discover Sailing Experience
- Marine Radio Operator
- Powerboat Handling

#### Youth Keelboat Squad

- Launched in October to offer 14–29-year-olds the opportunity to receive training and racing at various levels
- Tuesday and Thursday groups
- S80 State Championships
- Youth Sportsboat regatta
- Y2K Teams Racing regatta
- Thank you to coaches Bill Feore, Russell King, and Fletcher Johnson, Ian Robertson.

#### Youth Training

- Attended by 10 youth participants
- Transitional program until the keelboat squad is fully operational
- 'Out There' sailing course held in school holidays
- Congratulations to Theresa Morton, 125 class junior national champion
- Thank you to instructors; Taylor Hobbs, Lulu Dumergue-Smith, Miles Martin, Miles Hobbs

## CLUB CAPTAIN REPORT – COLIN ORCHARD

### 16 Key Points Raised:

- Thanked the House Committee and volunteers
- Thanked those that attended the Club Working Bees
- Completed over the last 12 months:
  - Clubhouse Hall upgrade and fit out
  - Hardstand Crane
  - Floating Pontoon
  - Marina Pile Maintenance
  - Clubhouse Wall
  - Complete capital works budget for next 5 years

## MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT – CHAIR: PATRICIA MACKEVICIUS

### 17 Key Points Raised:

#### Membership Statistics – Summary @ July 2025

Hon. Life members	6	Family members	49
Life members	21	Intermediate members	10
Full members	218	Youth members	13
Crew members	82	Social members	366
Pensioner members	25	Absentee members	7

#### MDC Activities

- Great policies at HBYC mean a safe, inclusive, and well-managed environment, fostering responsible, fair behaviour which in turn enhances the club's reputation and attracts members, volunteers, and sponsors.
- Policy updates
  - Child Safe Policy updated on behalf of OH&S - 18/9/2024
  - Diversity and Inclusivity - 18/9/2024 – (this policy includes a living checklist)
  - Code of Conduct - 21/10/2024
- Privacy Policy & Social Media Policy presented to GC this month. These are both new policies for the club.
- Implemented RUOK activities at the club
- Sail Pass Membership
  - 199 - 2024– 2025
  - Conversion to Membership is very low
  - MDC is to explore options/strategies with Club Manager
  - Currently 10 Sail Passes permitted per person per season

#### Women's Sailing Update:

- A few members from other clubs have converted their memberships to HBYC.
- Several workshops have been held at HBYC and these have now evolved into an established working group that reports to the Sailing Committee.
- The HBYC She Sails representative is active in the Women's Working Group.

## **FOUNDATION COMMITTEE REPORT – CHAIR: TONY JOHNSTON**

### **18 Key Points Raised:**

Foundation is a separate entity, however Foundation members are elected at the Club AGM as required.

#### **Foundation Members/Committee**

- Tony Johnston (Chair)
- Rod Fuller (Secretary)
- Le Yen Boc
- Craig Jackson
- David Judge
- Colin Leake
- Kevin LeNepveu

Thanks to Julia Zhao for her contribution as founding Treasurer, and to Rod Austin and Team in supporting our activities (especially the fund-raising lunch in March)

#### **2nd Report of Foundation to Club AGM**

- Foundation is a separate entity, however
- Foundation members are elected at the Club AGM as required

#### **In transition from Formation to Business as usual**

- Initial financial statements
- Building out our fund raising program
- Income streams from donations, events and sponsorship
- Initial notification on intended bequest

HBYC Foundation is very interested in ideas, queries and feedback as we evolve the activities of the HBYC foundation.

## ELECTION OF FLAG OFFICERS and GENERAL COMMITTEE FOR 2025/ 2026

- 19 There was one nomination for the **POSITION OF COMMODORE**.  
This was from **David Gaylor**, nominated by Jonathan Fryer seconded by Craig Jackson.  
I declare **David Gaylor** duly elected to the position of **COMMODORE**. Congratulations David.  
*There was a handover of Flags and Badges to incoming Commodore and immediate Past Commodore*
- 20 There was one nomination received for the **POSITION OF VICE COMMODORE**.  
This was from **Simon Hobbs**, nominated by Cam Smith and seconded by Craig Jackson.  
I declare **Simon Hobbs** duly elected to the position of **VICE COMMODORE**. Congratulations Simon.  
*There was a handover of Flag & Badge to incoming Vice Commodore*
- 21 There was one nomination for the **POSITION OF REAR COMMODORE**.  
This was from **Leonore Eeckman** nominated by Ryan Blackstock and seconded by Craig Jackson.  
I declare **Leonore Eeckman** duly elected to the position of **REAR COMMODORE**. Congratulations Leonore. *There was a handover of Flag & Badge to incoming Rear Commodore*
- 22 There was one nomination for the **POSITION OF CLUB CAPTAIN**.  
This was from **Colin Orchard** nominated by Craig Jackson and seconded by Jonathan Fryer.  
I declare **Colin Orchard** duly elected to the position of **CLUB CAPTAIN**. Congratulations Colin.
- 23 There was one nomination for the **POSITION OF HON. TREASURER**.  
This was from **Marina Monz**, nominated by Eddie Mackevicius and seconded by Brian Rich.  
I declare **Marina Monz** duly elected to the position of **HON. TREASURER**. Congratulations Marina.
- 24 There was one nomination for the **POSITION OF HON. SECRETARY**.  
This was from **Craig Jackson** nominated by Gary Prestedge and seconded by Miles Williamsz.  
I declare **Craig Jackson** duly elected to the position of **HON. SECRETARY**. Congratulations Craig.
- 25 Seven nominations were received for General Committee:
- Laurent Ailleres**, nominated by David Gaylor and seconded by Ryan Blackstock  
**Emma Arnold**, nominated by Alex Morton and seconded by Michael Bradley  
**Ryan Blackstock**, nominated by Leo Eeckman and seconded by Craig Jackson  
**Tony Johnston**, nominated by David Gaylor and seconded by Craig Jackson  
**Kevin LeNepveu**, nominated by Tony Dawson and seconded by Lyn Dawson  
**Patricia Mackevicius**, nominated by Craig Jackson and seconded by David Gaylor  
**Cam Smith**, nominated by Simon Hobbs and seconded by Craig Jackson
- 26 The General Committee consists of **SEVEN** members, and **SEVEN** nominations have been received.
- 27 **The 7 nominees were duly elected to the General Committee for 2025/ 2026.**
- There was also a handover of Committee Badges to Laurant Ailleres, Emma Arnold and Tony Johnston as incoming members.*



### **NOTICES OF MOTIONS**

- 28 There were no notices of motions put forward for this meeting.

### **GENERAL BUSINESS**

- 29 There was no General Business raised from the floor.

### **MEETING CLOSURE**

- 30 Commodore thanked the General Committee, Club Manager and Office Staff for their efforts for the year to date.
- 31 He then declared the MEETING CLOSED AT 8.51pm, and thanked all for their attendance.  
He wished all a continued safe and successful sailing season and welcomed all to the bar.