

Bay Spray

NEWSLETTER OF THE
SPRING BAY BOAT CLUB



The SBBC sailing season has begun. Take a look at our website and our Facebook page for more information including this season's program of events.

*SBBC website: springbayboatclub.com.au
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Madiba and Baiame head out into Mercury Passage

Commodore's Report

Hi All,

As we are nearing the Festive Season I wish to thank you all for being part of our wonderful club and to have a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

This past few months has been very challenging for most people but our club has come through it very well. As documented elsewhere in this publication the achievements around the club have been outstanding, so thank you one and all.

Seasonally the weather this year has been very pleasant with not a lot of strong winds which has made pleasant boating, so get out there and enjoy!

I can't stress too much the need for safety on the water - we don't wish to call on the newly formed Volunteer Marine Rescue unit any more than necessary. And please be aware of the changes to Life Jacket regulations coming into force on January 1st next year. I understand that any noncompliance will result in fines, no argument.

The committee looks forward to seeing you at our Christmas function on December 18th.

Best Wishes and Safe Boating,

John Hall - Commodore



Rear Commodore's Report

So far this year, all the important events have taken place, despite Covid restrictions. On Sept 26 the club held its AGM during a daytime get-together which included a Spit-Roasted Lamb donated by Doug Burbury and beautifully cooked by Ross Parker. A presentation of last sailing season's trophies took place, and It was a very pleasant low-key event. We even managed to fill all executive positions and have a full committee.

Office bearers are as follows:

Commodore – John Hall

Vice Commodore Sail – Tim Geard

Vice Commodore Power – Chris Chapman

Rear Commodore – Malcolm Fergusson

Treasurer – Peter Smith

Secretary – Leanne O'Brien

Committee Members – Geoff Davidson, Penny Davidson, Vonda Hall, Mick Lovett, Greg Maddox, Ray Coope, Dennis Bennett, Deb West, Ben West, Nathan Hardy.

Several Friday night social gatherings have attracted about 20 people and all who come to the club these days notice and comment on the pleasant surrounds. I heard someone say, “ It would be an even better view if we could just move some of these boats out of the way!”

Boating seems to be becoming more popular, probably as the roads become ever more crowded, and our membership is growing proportionally. I would like to welcome these new members:

John and Kim Samin, David Goodfellow and Rachel Wiencke, Alistair and Kendal King, Chris and Jenny Martyn, Phillip and Sonia Martyn.

Malcolm Fergusson - Rear Commodore



Sail Training

The November Wednesday afternoon sail training in the Pacer Dinghies off Raspin's beach has been well attended and has provided an entertaining introduction to sailing for many students and a few adults. More sessions are planned for the near future.







From the Club News Desk

Many of our hard-working club volunteers are retired people. This makes sense. People with young families and busy work schedules simply don't have the time to spend hours at the Club attending to maintenance and improvements.

Usually, however, winters are very quiet on site. Many of our retirees pack up their campers or embark on cruises to seek warmer weather and high adventure interstate and overseas. SBBC virtually hibernates until they return (usually around the end of September). This year, however, things have been rather different!

With travel off the agenda, plenty of time on their hands and creative urges to satisfy, some of our stalwarts have thrown themselves into a beautification and improvement program of mammoth proportions. Many of these projects have already been detailed in other newsletters but, for the record, here is as comprehensive a 2020 list as I can muster:

Interior paint job completed

New interior lights fitted

New office installed

Hanging system for our Club memorabilia purchased ready to instal

Significant yard tidy accomplished

New lawn in front of the amenities block planted

Path to toilets improved

Permanent shelter over the barbecue area constructed

Trees removed

Windbreak extended and shade-cloth added

Stone wall built

Storm water diversion implemented

Wood-shed erected

Additional outdoor furniture selected, erected and protected (from the elements)

Ground-covers, climbers (for the trellis), flowers, succulents, shrubs and even a lemon tree extensively planted

Watering system installed

Gardens mulched

Shipping container emptied, sorted, rationalised and repacked (with an amazing amount of spare room appearing!)

Office archives sorted and re-housed

Boat ramp widening and retaining walls completed

It's simply amazing what a few seniors with their combined expertise and repressed wanderlust can achieve!! And we will all benefit from these projects.

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All members are always welcome to use the grounds and the barbecue area and many come to our regular monthly social gatherings and post-race get-togethers in the summer. It's lovely to sit out in the barbecue area or in the afternoon warmth of the "West Wing" to enjoy a meal, a drink and a chat together. Most often it's the "oldies" who gather at the Club but occasionally some younger members can make it. It would be great to see more families, more social members and more power boat members at gatherings.

Make sure you keep your eye on our website and on our Facebook page to know when things are coming up. Our annual Activity Calendar is a good starting point. It's updated as new things crop up so check it out from time to time at www.springbayboatclub.com.au

Our next event will be the Christmas Party, December 18th, after the Triabunna Christmas Parade. More details to come soon.

Leanne O'Brien - SBBC Secretary

P.S. Special mention should be made of Ben West, Chris Butcher and some of their friends, who are **NOT** seniors and **NOT** retired, but who nonetheless put in time and effort above and beyond the call of duty on the boat ramp.



An Optimistic Outlook

In April of this year, the Port Esperance Sailing Club premises (at Dover) was burnt down and their fleet of training dinghies destroyed. Just imagine how devastating that would be if it was our much-loved club-house! We would be gutted, to say the least.

When the SBBC Committee heard about it, we asked PESC what we could do to help. As a country club, also affiliated with Australian Sailing, we wanted to be there for them in their distress. We learnt that they were embarking on a fund-raising drive to a) replace their training dinghies so that their off-the-beach sail training program suffered as little as possible and, b) to re-build their clubhouse, a beloved icon and much-used social venue for all sorts of events in Dover.

Having our genesis in off-the-beach sailing and also understanding the importance of youth training, we offered to provide PESC with a replacement training dinghy. They were aiming for a fleet of 6 new Optimists and we sponsored one of them. They were delighted!

The Optimists made their maiden voyages in October and we were offered the chance to choose which colour we wanted to sponsor, give the boat a name and have our logo attached. We opted for the blue hull, called it “Bluebottle” and sent our logo – see photo below.

We wish their club all the best in their continued efforts to re-build and provide a maritime and social hub for their community. The outlook is definitely optimistic!



Some of the Port Esperance Sailing Club's new Optimist dinghies. (Our blue one is out there somewhere.)

The SBBC sponsored “Bluebottle”



Spring Bay Boat Club Contact Phone Numbers

Our club as of 12/08/2020 has new telephone contact numbers.

Marina Enquiries 0407 773 830

General Enquiries 0417 303 076

Callers using above numbers will be directed to the appropriate person within the club.

Dates for your Diary

Committee Meeting December 3rd

Novice Helm Twilight Race December 8th

Christmas Function December 18th (TBC)

Are you looking for gear, want to sell some, or need boating services?

The club website now has a Bosun's Locker page providing links to advertisements, buy and sell.

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Member Profile - Deb West

Deb West's (née Payne) sailing career began on the Derwent just eleven years old crewing for her older brother Andrew at Lindisfarne Sailing Club in a very leaky Rainbow class dingy which had cotton sails. After one season the siblings moved on to "Tempest" (a Heron class dinghy) which was built by Graeme Lovett.

In 1970 the World International Cadet Championships were held at the Sandy Bay Sailing Club and Deb teamed up with Vivien Frey to represent Tasmania against some of the world's best



young sailors.

Andrew built three Heron Class dinghies of which Deb crewed in “Sobraon” and “Wiwirri”.

In 1971 they won 12th National Heron Championships at Sandy Bay Sailing Club. 1973 they won 14th National Championship at Perth 14’ Sailing Club Perth Western Australia. They also won four Tasmanian State Heron Championships in the 1970’s.

1979 Deb crewed for her younger brother Chris and won the Tasmanian Heron Championships at Raspins Beach in “Wiwirri”.





Wiwirri sailing out of Lisdisfarne Sailing Club in the 1970s. Note the old pontoon bridge lifting span in the background.



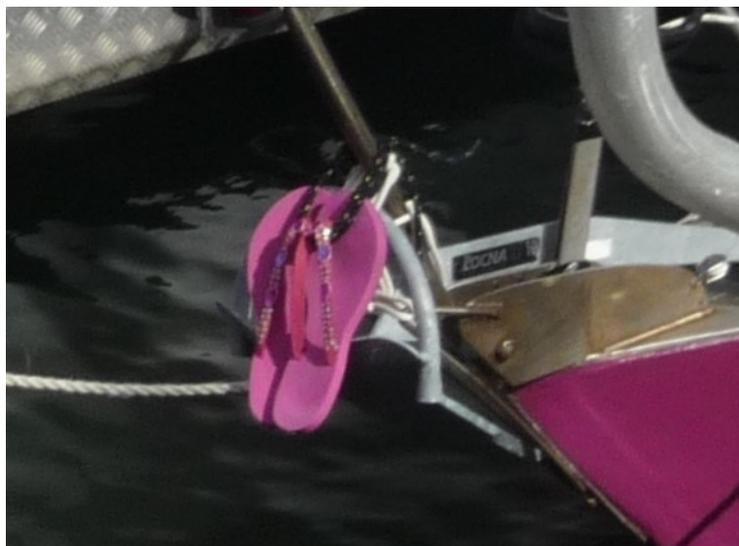
Deb (in white tee shirt) with her two brothers either side at Lindisfarne Sailing Club in the late 1970s.



Heron sailors at One Tree Point prepare for an invitation race prior to the Tasmanian State Championships in 1979.



After 15 years spent bringing up a family Deb met up with Kooranya's owner and spent the next ten years visiting the Channel and up the East coast. Subsequently Deb became the owner of Kooranya and changed the name back to the original and painted her magenta, an act which saw her receive many gifts of appropriate colour including a pair of pink diamante thongs.





She sailed Kooranya at the Motor Yacht Club in twilight races for the next eleven years, except for a year at Triabunna when Ben did some work on the boat.

Now Deb enjoys sailing at Spring Bay Boat Club with Tim in SBBC Pennant, Twilight and Long-Distance races .