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# Bay Spray



NEWSLETTER OF THE  
SPRING BAY BOAT CLUB



## ***Our Annual Dinner and Trophy Presentations***

***66 members and guests got together on Saturday, April 15th at the Blue Waters, Orford to celebrate another summer of boating and to award trophies to winners of our Club races for the 22/23 sailing season. Here Deb West, skipper of Kooranya, winner of the Sunday Pennant, receives her trophy.***

***More details and photos beginning on page 4.***

## Committee Notes

Things have been ticking away pretty briskly at the Club. Both our Marina and Hardstand are currently full with a waiting list in operation. Thanks to Ben West and Peter Smith for all the work done to allocate spaces, make the most efficient and effective use of the site and keep the financial systems running where our boat storage is concerned. As you can imagine, this is not always a straightforward task.

The ongoing maintenance of the site as a whole is also a never-ending job for Club volunteers. We are very grateful to Ray Coope and Malcolm Fergusson for all the work they do behind the scenes to ensure all members can continue to enjoy fully-functioning toilets, showers, kitchen, barbecue, garden area etc.

Boating activities over the '22/'23 season have been well-supported by members, including those aspects that may be less visible to everyone: maintaining and operating the Rescue Boat and organising the races, for example. These jobs range from major organisational feats right down to the little things like ensuring the two-way radios are charged and ready for use. None of them get done by themselves!

Our (not-so-new) Treasurer, Pam Keygan, has already become an indispensable part of the team, taking on anything that is thrown at her and (apparently) eager for more! We are so grateful to have her expertise and her sunny personality working for our Club.

This brings me to a most heart-felt plea: we really need someone to take on the job of Club Secretary. I (Leanne) have been doing it in the interim (along with my other tasks) but this is only a temporary fix. It will be unsustainable for me in the long term.

## Notices

- ◆ **Upcoming events** include:
  - \* The Social Evening of Friday, May 12th - a **Pizza Night!**
  - \* **Fish and Chips Nights** on June 13th, July 11th and August 8th.
  - \* The SBBC **Annual General Meeting** — not to be missed — on Friday, September 15th, followed by a shared barbecue. All members are encouraged to attend.
- ◆ **Now is the time to begin thinking about what you can do to contribute to the Club. Perhaps you are prepared to volunteer as a Committee member or take on a regular job around the Club site.**
- ◆ Don't forget.... if you want to know what's going on at the Club, the **Minutes of Committee Meetings** are always available on request and are also displayed on the notice-board in the West Wing. You can also talk to one of your Committee Members or check out our **Facebook** page. It's **Spring Bay Boat Club** — [@boatinginspringbay](#)
- ◆ **Please ensure your contact details are up to date on our Club data-base. If you have had any recent changes (address, phone number, email etc), please inform us via [sbbcontact@gmail.com](mailto:sbbcontact@gmail.com)**
- ◆ Please let us know if you wish to switch to using a Bluetooth-enabled App on your phone rather than a swipe card for Club access.

## From your Commodore:



Fellow members, I would prefer to talk about the season's boating, fishing sailing and socialising, but I need to talk to you about the management of the SBBC into the future. Forget about the past, other than the great memories, friendships, the excellent volunteer-built and -run infrastructure, and the lessons of history (all good things!) The challenge, as always, is to use the opportunities of the present, to secure the future.

Thanks to the work of past and present committees, volunteer helpers and members, the SBBC has a very serviceable infrastructure and healthy finances. The point needs to be made that the financial reserves are not excessive, merely prudent, when considered against the ongoing costs and more particularly the future maintenance and renewal needs of the existing infrastructure.

The ongoing well-being of the SBBC is dependant on the prudent actions and judgement of your elected volunteer committee, who are supported by a small number of regular volunteer helpers. By and large, it is the same people, year after year, until time or circumstance takes them elsewhere: a diminishing group unless there is continuous recruitment. Some of the executive committee positions involve a significant workload and it is unreasonable for members to expect other people to serve indefinitely! Nor should the SBBC simply recycle past committee members, volunteers and helpers; that would be equally unreasonable.

Panic not! Many members of our current committee are prepared to serve again should the members wish. **But, as a minimum, we must recruit a new secretary!** Leanne O'Brien has temporarily stepped back into the role as acting secretary until the AGM, but not beyond! The position description is available on the website, and Leanne would be happy to act as a mentor. Please consider if you can undertake this role! The committee is looking for ways in which peripheral parts of the secretary's role can be reallocated to ease the secretarial burden.

We also want new and preferably younger elected committee members, ideally representative of all the club members' varied interests. The same applies to works and social volunteers. Please come forward. Talk to the current committee, express your interest.

Finally, my thanks to all those who currently contribute to the operation and management of the SBBC infrastructure and activities.

Here's to mucking around in boats

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Congratulations to the following winners of the season's races. And congratulations, too, to all those who competed in these events. A great summer of sailing! Thank you very much to our Vice Commodore (Sail), Deb West, who oversees the sailing program for the Club.

### WINNERS for SPRING BAY BOAT CLUB 2022/23 SEASON

TWILIGHT SERIES 1

Bob Wilson. *VITE*

PACER CHALLENGE

**Jane and Bruce Palmer**

PENNANT

Deb West. *KOORANYA*

LONG DISTANCE SERIES

Bob Wilson. *VITE*

TWILIGHT SERIES 2

John Hall *SAGITTARIUS*

COCK of the BAY

Ray Coope. *BAIAME*

## The SBBC Magical Mystery Tour 2023

(the secret is out; the destination was the Coal Mines near Saltwater River on the Tasman Peninsula, followed by a picnic lunch at Lime Bay).

**Thanks again, John, for a well-organised and enjoyable day out!**

On a beautiful April Sunday, 28 members and friends met at The Cannery for coffee at Dunalley.

After lovely cup of coffee, cake etc., with great service from the team of The Cannery we set off to our mystery destination.

Coal was discovered at Plunkett Point, Saltwater River in 1833. With the price of imported coal from NSW very expensive it was decided open a mine using convict labour.



The mine had quite a chequered history with the first shipment leaving in June 1834. Although conditions were atrocious, the government closed their operations in 1848, but the mine did operate in various forms til 1877. Surprisingly, 60,000 tonnes of coal was extracted.

Today, there are remains of prison cells, mine shafts etc. The historical group has erected interpretive signs which give a good description of operations, also a lot restoration work has been done.

For further information visit <https://coalmines.org.au/>

Following our visit to the site we moved onto the Lime Bay Campground to enjoy a self-catered lunch.

All in all it was a great day, perfect autumn weather, we believe enjoyed by all.

Thank you so much to those who joined us.

**Peter Smith** appears to be enjoying the lovely weather and the picnic!

**Vonda and John Hall**

## From your Vice-Commodore (Sail):

The second half of our sailing calendar started in early February with both our Second Twilight Series and our Long Distance Series:

### TWILIGHT 2023

In the first heat of our second twilight series we had a south easterly breeze. One casualty was had with **Vite** ending up on the mud hence they retired after receiving “outside assistance.” Then there were six vessels to negotiate “the gate” and return to the East Coaster mark and to the finish.

**Vite** had a better race in the second heat! We were kept on our toes with lifts and knocks as we tacked from the East Coaster to the Paddy’s buoy and a reach to the finish line.

The next race took a different “tack” with five boats at the club stuck in the mud. Just so happens Ray had cooked up a venison stew with all the trimmings. We all enjoyed the delicious dinner with even his perfect sponge cake. Race 3 was scheduled to be re-sailed on Tuesday 21, March.

Short but long for the fourth scheduled twilight. We had wind but very light from the North East. **Madiba** sent us to the Eastcoaster mark and return (shortened course). By the time we finished we were very wet and no wind! **Vite, Baiame, Madiba** and **Kooranya** neared the line to finish with our times not relevant to how close together we were.

Race five was postponed due to bad weather. It was set to be resailed on Tuesday, 28 March.

Race six sent us out to Windlass with a north, north-easterly breeze. Some confusion about which way round the buoy then I believe how many marks to go around at the Eastcoaster turn. The middle of Spring Bay seemed the best place to aim for the finishing line.

Unfortunately our two resail events had to be cancelled due to a very low tide and bad weather. John Hall in **Sagittarius** won the series.

### LONG DISTANCE

February 5, the Lachlan Island Race started with a ten minute delay as we changed radio channels due to our channel being very busy. After we all started with a rush the wind ran out of power and the boats behind caught up to the leaders. A westerly, south westerly and finally a north-easterly came in to help with the last leg from Darlington to the finish line at the East Coaster. **Vite** won.

We all had the wind behind us for the start of the South Maria Race. Spinnakers flying! to the virtual mark off Green Point. Now for the tacking up the Maria coast until we passed Lachlan Island on our port side. As we approached Prosser Bay the wind was undecided between North easterly and West-erly until the strong Westerly prevailed. A hard slog to the finish! **Madiba** won.

Darlington Race was our final for the series. Raspin’s buoy was discarded from our course as light South-South Easterlies were forecast. A bit slow to get around the South West marker of the Seaweed Farm. There was just enough wind up Maria’s West coast for our spinnakers. We also held them across to the finish at the Eastcoaster buoy. By this time the slower boats were saturated! **Sagittarius** had cleared out earlier in the race to finish forty five minutes ahead of **Vite** and win the race. **Vite** won the series over all.



**Vice –Commodore’s Report cont.**

**PACER CHALLENGE**

Our Annual Pacer Challenge was conducted in early January with four contenders:- Bruce Palmer, John Hall, Malcolm Fergusson and Roy Forbes and their crews having fun! Bruce and Jane showed the way as usual to have three convincing wins to take the title for the second time. Their timing at the starts was very impressive! By the time of the third race the wind was up considerably so was more of a challenge. I would like to thank our “shore crew” Leanne, Malcolm, Bob, Heather, Roy, Jane, Geoff and Penny for all their help at the Boat Shed.

**COCK of the BAY**

Our annual Cock of the Bay was run in light North Easterly breezes with a swell on the downward legs of the course. Three races were sailed. Ray Coope with Ashley and Nathan in *Baiame* showed us all the way and won two of the heats and the series. The expected North Easterly front hit us all on our way back to Triabunna. A big thankyou to the race officers of the day Pete Smith and Rod Burnell and of course “Pipe Dream” (start boat). Looking forward to seeing everyone next season!

Deb West



Hi all,

It was my pleasure to host the recent **Spring Bay Boat Club Annual Dinner and Trophy Night**. We were very well catered-for by Alan and staff at the Blue Waters in Orford with 66 of us enjoying a very good-value three-course dinner and the conviviality of an evening of shared boating stories. We also rewarded the winners of our 22/23 sailing series as detailed by Deb in her report. Plenty of photos of the night on the following pages.

It was especially pleasing to welcome on the night ALL of our current **Life Members**: Nick Mason, Dennis Bennett, John Hall and Ray Coope. It is a rare event indeed that sees them all together in a room.

One of the biggest nights for the SBBC Social Committee is our annual **Quiz Night**. We finally held it in February and enjoyed a wonderful evening of fun and games — some of the rounds even had some academic merit!! A most sincere thank you goes to Jane Forbes, my co-host on the night and co-conspirator in planning the event. And congratulations to **Old Bartonians**, the winning team!

Thank you to those who have sent me photos of various events and gatherings during the year. Still waiting for some articles and stories!!

Leanne O’Brien  
Rear Commodore/Editor

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**Above left:** Bruce and Jane Palmer won the **Pacer Challenge Trophy** for the second year running. Presented by Deb and Tim.

**Above:** long-time SBBC member and key consultant on all Club engineering works, Graeme Elphinstone



**Left:** **Club Person of the Year, 2023**, Leanne O'Brien and Commodore, Tim Geard.

**Below:** the *Sagittarius* table with (from left) John, Vonda, Dave, Sue, Nele, Leigha, Carl, Ron and Carole



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**Above:** The *Madiba/Deseado* table, with Leanne, Philippa, Brian, Geoff, Roy, Penny, Caroline, Walter and Malcolm.

**Right:** Our Vice-Commodore (Sail), Deb West, presents Ray Coope with his two trophies of the season: **Cock of the Bay (Baime)** and The **Blue Slipper Award** for Outstanding Wetness in the Pursuit of Boating Excellence.

**Below:** *Thomas A & Friends*: Jean, Eppy, Nick, Dennis, Dianne, Michael, Anne, Peter, Sylvia and Graeme.







**Above:** Bob Wilson (skipper of *Vite*), pictured centre, received two trophies for the season. Here he can be seen with his Long Distance Crew, John and Bruce, receiving the Long Distance Trophy. He also won the First Twilight Series.

**Below:** the Second Twilight Series was won by John Hall, in *Sagittarius*, pictured here with crew members, Vonda and Dave.



# Photo Gallery



**Above:** East Coast Classic participants model their Club clothing. And look at what else was in the Schouten Passage!!

**Right & Below:** Pacer Challenge. Winning style (Bruce & Jane) and broken mast with Rescue Boat deployed.



# Photo Gallery



**Above, Left to Right:** a) *Sagittarius* gets a kite up in the Second Twilight Series. b) Bob and Wendy in the solitary cells at the Coal Mines, Tasman Peninsula. c) Vonda, Penny and Geoff hiking around the trails at the Coal Mines.

**Below:** ruins at the Coal Mines.

**Below:** At the picnic.



**Above:** Sue and Rob . **Right:** Bob and John at the picnic.