



How Far We Have Come!

In this issue we look back, reminisce and celebrate how far we have come as a Club. The image above recalls what our site looked like when our “tin shed” was first erected, before we had either of our Marinas built and no Hardstand area was available. It was quite simply a shed on a mound (we were considering global warming even then) in the middle of some reclaimed land (after the channel was dredged) and a wonky old jetty. Apologies for the quality of some of the images—they have been taken from original photos (happy snaps). Article begins on page 5.

Your new Executive Committee

At the recent SBBC AGM, most positions were filled, as per the list below. As you will note, however, we are still on the hunt for a Treasurer. This is a key role within the Club and Peter Smith has fulfilled it to perfection for the past ten years. And ten years is certainly long enough in a voluntary position! Please think about whether you or someone you know might be able to take on this role. Peter will still be around to train the right person!

The Committee wishes to thank outgoing officers and retiring committee members most sincerely for the time and effort they have put into the Club over many years.

Flag Officers:

Commodore	Tim Geard
Vice Commodore (Power)	Nathan Hardy
Vice Commodore (Sail)	Deborah West
Rear Commodore	Leanne O'Brien

Committee:

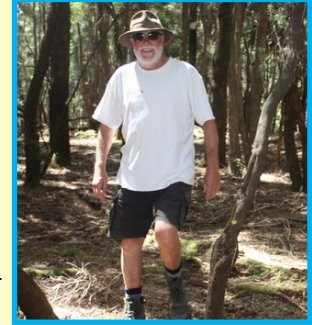
Secretary	Nicholas Magers	
Treasurer	Not yet filled	
Communications Officer	Greg Maddox	
Public Officer	Ben West	
General Committee Members	Malcolm Fergusson	Michael Lovett
	Ray Coope	Alistair King
	Peter Smith	

Notices

- ◆ The **Calendar of Events** for the coming season is now uploaded to the website. Check it out and add key dates to your personal diary.
- ◆ First and foremost will be our **MAST Safety Evening and Barbecue** on Saturday, October 1st. Watch out for more details by email.
- ◆ This will be followed by **OPENING DAY** on Sunday, October 2nd.
- ◆ 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. You can also talk to one of the above Committee Members, come along to any of the many advertised social events on offer, volunteer as boat crew or help out at a working bee. We also have a **Facebook** page where most goings-on are shared. 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 sbbccontact@gmail.com
- ◆ For anyone interested, note that "Corinna" (**Bay Spray**, Sept. 2021) is now at Corsair Boats, Rosebud, Victoria, awaiting an extensive rebuild (and, hopefully, a new owner).

From your Commodore:

(as published in our Annual Report)



2021/22 has been a challenging but rewarding year in SBBC life.

After the quiet time under Covid restrictions, it was good to get back on the water. From all reports it was a good season of recreational fishing. We certainly had a fast paced and eventful year of sailing. Varied social activities, both organised and impromptu resumed at and around the club.

It is pleasing to see an influx of relatively younger members, both new to the club and longstanding members, becoming visibly active in the club. With them, come new to SBBC boats expanding the fleet. More on this later.

Infrastructure development at the club precinct has mostly been minor ongoing developments, but the overall result is evident in a tidier yard, improved launching ramp access, hot water at the new toilet hand basins and outdoor kitchen, the commencement of a wind-break along the northern fence and the generation of some more hardstand spaces. None of this could have happened without the ongoing efforts of the club members who almost endlessly volunteer their time

Behind the scenes your committee and their helpers have been busy. The control system for the front gate has been replaced with current generation components, as a first step in overcoming intermittent failures and upgrading access management and site security. Video surveillance and more easily managed access options will be added as time permits.

Most importantly your committee has spent time discussing the longer term future directions for the SBBC. The SBBC marina berths are effectively full, there is negligible turnover and a waiting list. Some berths have become available in the council marina, but nowhere near enough to meet demand. The hardstand situation is also tight. This creates a difficult situation for any newer members who need a local berth or hardstand and will only get worse if no new marina berths are built.

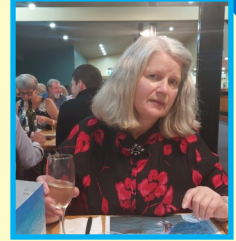
Your committee has been, and continues to explore, any actions SBBC can undertake that may alleviate the situation. We await external outcomes, thus far we have no conclusions to report. Rest assured we will not take major action without further consulting members.

This year has been good, may next year be even better!

Tim

... and your Rear Commodore:

(as published in our Annual Report)



Once again, Club members have enjoyed a full and friendly round of social events and taken part in the Club's regular annual racing and cruising activities. Since the last AGM, we have also processed an additional 29 new memberships (welcoming a total of well over 40 new members) to supplement our ever-expanding Club.

During the spring and summer racing seasons, regular Club gatherings were held, often on both Sunday and Tuesday, after sailing races. In addition to these, monthly social gatherings were organised. The monthly social evenings this year comprised: A Biosecurity Tasmania visiting speaker; our popular November Quiz Night; a Christmas Party; a Pizza Night and a couple of standard barbecues. During the winter, when events are usually minimized, we continued to meet monthly in conjunction with the local Book-club who use our rooms for their meetings on Tuesdays. For the second year running, this socializing took the form of friendly fireside chats while enjoying fish and chips from the van. Simple, cosy and most enjoyable! One of our Fish 'n' Chips evenings happened to fall in the July school holidays and it was wonderful to see three generations of members (including children of some and grandchildren of others) having a lively, somewhat noisy get-together. A total of 24 people came which really tested the friendship with Cara and staff at the Fish Van – but they came up trumps and fed us all simultaneously. Pretty impressive!

After two intense years of hosting state championships (SB20s and Sharpies), we got off more lightly this year with only minimal involvement in the State Windsurfers' Weekend off Raspins Beach. However, the windsurfers were most grateful for the support of our Club Rescue Boat and its crew. Thanks, Malcolm and Tim.

We conducted our Annual Dinner and Trophy Night at the Tandara in early April this year. This was a highly successful evening with the staff of the venue pulling out all stops to provide a reasonably-priced but delicious meal in a warm and friendly atmosphere. It meant there was minimal work for our Club volunteers and we could all enjoy ourselves on the night.

Our annual Pacer Challenge Sunday in January was enhanced by a beach barbecue for all comers. The East Coast Classic saw a small fleet of boats sail (and motor) to Maria and Freycinet, enjoying some leisurely cockpit and beach-based socialising.

The yearly Camping Weekend was on Bruny Island at a private property by the beach. It provided a most enjoyable few days away for a relatively small group of members.

And John and Vonda Hall once again conducted a Mystery Road Trip. This year the destination was the Styx forest after a Salmon Ponds start.

Thank you to the members of the Social sub-committee who are responsible for many of our social events: Jane Forbes (planner par excellence!), Vonda Hall, Penny Davidson and Geoff Davidson.

I also wish to thank Ray Coope for the work he does on a day-to-day basis to support the maintenance of our Boat Club facilities and Ben West for overseeing the Marina and Hardstand areas.

If you ever need to know what's going on at the Club, just get in touch with one of your committee members or log on to our Website: www.springbayboatclub.com.au where you will find our annual Activity Program. Social event notices are also sent to all members by email.

Here's looking forward to another year of sea and land-based conviviality and friendly socialising, both at the club and further afield!

Leanne O'Brien

Looking Back as we Plan for the Future.



How many of our members can remember when there was NO SBBC Clubhouse?? I'm predicting about twenty. This image shows the site of our now extensive facilities before any infrastructure was added. And this phase was preceded by the Club being a "homeless" entity when most of the activities took place at One-Tree Point, off local beaches or at members' homes.

A bit of History....

Spring Bay Boat Club started in the 1970s when a group of locals wanted to get a few sailboats (mostly dinghies) together for a bit of weekly racing. They usually sailed off One-Tree Point (Barton Ave) and co-opted a kind run-about owner to act as Rescue Boat. These were the days when things could be done much more simply and no-one was very concerned with public liability or Occupational Health and Safety. People were deemed to be responsible for their own decisions and welfare, in fact. My, how that's changed!

The early sailing days are remembered very fondly by those involved, both for the friendly rivalry and the social highlights. It wasn't until the late 1980s that a permanent home for the Club was explored. That came about as a result of the channel in Triabunna harbour being dredged, the dredged material thus creating a flat and fairly extensive tract of land: land which had formerly simply not existed. Sailors and a couple of interested power-boat owners proposed and pursued the idea of taking out a lease on the newly created foreshore land as a base for Club activities.

And so it was!

From that point, the facilities we have on site today have slowly evolved. It's taken a lot of effort, a lot of fund-raising and a lot of time. And it's all been financed by the Club. We have never received any public grants or government finance for any phase of our development to date, a fact of which we are particularly proud. Photos on the following pages give a bit of an idea of projects undertaken over time, including: the original Jetty/Marina, the floating Marina, the Hardstand, the Launching Ramp, refurbishment of showers and toilets, extension of the Clubrooms as well as lining, painting, carpeting, addition of a kitchen, an office, glazing, perimeter fencing, security gate, barbecue area, gardens etc etc.

Thank you so much to all the volunteers over all the years!!

In the beginning....



The land was “created” and SBBC took out a lease.



The beginnings of the first Marina (above) and the original Clubhouse (above right and right) which we still use but which has been extended and enhanced. Note that an unlined tin shed is exactly what it was at first.

Right: Junior Sailing in Sabots was the order of the day in the 1990s. Here we are at One-Tree Point with Malcolm giving an impromptu sailing lesson with diagrams in the sand! The children in the photo are quite grown up now with children of their own! And Junior Sailing happens in Pacers from the Raspins Beach shed.

It's hard to visualise how the site used to look. Some of us remember when it was a little old caravan park with a very daggy toilet block and a scruffy, sandy foreshore in front.



Moving along.....



Everything on site was done by volunteer members, using tools, equipment, skills and know-how gleaned from their regular lives and businesses. Countless hours were spent in planning, constructing, moving things around and just plain grafting. For example, I'm reliably informed that the dragline featured here was used to remove over 2.000 metres of mud where our Marinas are now. We owe these original members an enormous debt of gratitude. I hesitate to mention any names for fear of omitting someone. They know who they are!



Always improving.....

Right: The second (floating) Marina being manoeuvred into place. This was added in the early 2000s at about the same time as the creation of the Hardstand parking area (2 photos below). Security fencing around our site was also added at about the same time, making it a very safe place to park members' boats.



Above & Right: creating an integrated space. Our West Wing and East Wing combine!

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