

As Bill has been away for some time it may be appropriate that I file this report on his behalf

COMMODORE'S REPORT.

Now into our 11th year

So what happened ?

We didn't complete our sailing programme , but what we have achieved is certainly worthy of comment and record.

When able we have continued with our Juniors coached by John Haywood
A 3 day training camp in January and one just finished provided an introduction for more than dozen 7 – 12 year olds, some continuing to attend and take part in our regular junior days and participating in the Sunday racing.

The She Sails sessions run by Monique Smith supported by members have been very successful in attracting ladies to sailing ,some now racing and crewing.

The regular Sunday races have been disrupted by weather and national events. Those we have run were well supported and introducing handicap and some variations have been well received, please let the committee know if you have any observations.

Slow progress in regard to our aspiration to acquire the old diving building, continued contact with state and local departments has been maintained to keep them aware of our interest.

Our fleet of boats has grown with the acquisition of 4 Pacers and 6 Manly Juniors, which needed and will need a fair amount of work to get them all on the water. We are pleased that they are being used and enjoyed.

Thanks to those who have helped at the ongoing Thursday workshops. Please let us know if you can help.

From my point, the safety/ support boats have performed well, being essential for us to race and train safely, proving their worth on occasions of capsizing, running aground and assisting damaged boats.

Only one injury during the season needs reporting , a reflection of skippers and crew approach to their sailing.

Thanks to all members, either those hardened sailors who turn up in gale force winds or the sensible ones and the onshore helpers who make the day go well. A special mention to Peter Ross for his work in seeking grants and assistance from those with deep pockets.

We have benefited from the Sailpass scheme, generating introduction and interest to sailing. Looking forward, strong active membership is essential for sustained, continued growth.

When the external constraints relax we can fully enjoy our sport in this wonderful part of the country. BT.

