

Sail Away

FEBRUARY 2019

To be a thriving place where people of all ages and abilities come to discover the joy of sailing.

What's On!

Saturday, 23rd FEBRUARY

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9.00am Club Championship Racing – Race 9.
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1.30pm – 5.30pm Tackers 1 – 1/5 (No class 10th March – Vic long weekend.)

Extended calendar later in this edition. Please see the Schedule of Courses for the remainder of the season on AWYC website [here](#)

Sunday, 24th February 2019

9.00am

Swamp Cup, Laser 4.7 Intergalactic Champs, Woody's Radial Roundup

Come and join in the fun!

(See details page 3)

From the Helm

Terry Kerr - Commodore

G'day All,

Here we are at the start of another year. I realise it's a cliché but it never ceases to amaze me how time flies. On the subject of 'start of another year', summer has brought us another outbreak of Algae in the Lake. The Committee had been debating what action was appropriate for a while but the recent release of a Red Alert for the entire Lake forced our hand. The Committee felt it had no option but to suspend water based activities and operation for the time being. As the season this year is a little longer than most years we have suspended activities rather than ending the season early, this is in the hope that the Alert will be lifted before the planned season's end. Members should be mindful that the decision was made in the interest of all members' safety and wellbeing. This does not however, prevent members from making their own decision as to water quality and safety. The Committee would strongly advise members intending to sail to first check the latest information on the NSW Water web site (<https://www.waternsw.com.au/water-quality/algae>).

On a much brighter note, our Club had a flying visit on 27 February from Victor Kovalenko, "The Medal Maker" and his wife Tetyana. As Victor was already in the area as an Australia Day Ambassador for Greater Hume Council he happily accepted our invitation to Morning Tea on his way back to Sydney. Victor was able to spend about an hour at our Club and spoke in some detail of his passion for sailing and his experiences coaching, he also had time to speak personally with some members. Victor presented the Club with a signed copy of his biography, "THE MEDAL MAKER a biography of Victor Kovalenko"

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by Roger Vaughan. If you're interested in reading Victor's Biography please drop me an email - commodore@awyc.org.au and I'll put you on the list. I'd like to thank those involved in Victor and Tetyana's visit and to the members who came to the Morning Tea. Having someone of Victor's stature visit our Club was a real standout for the season.

Terry Kerr
Commodore

Remember – Some mistakes are too much fun to make only once.

Webmaster - Position Vacant

Our Club has a vacancy for a Webmaster! Training is available but an understanding of dynamic web pages and a basic understanding of HTML would be an advantage.

This position would be a fantastic experience opportunity for someone thinking of a career in the web/site development or management industry.

Contact Nick Horton - webmaster@awyc.org.au - for further details and expressions of interest.



Please Lock the Lock

Recently the lock on the Club's front gate failed due to moisture infiltrating the inner electronics. One simple means to prevent moisture infiltration is to ensure the lock is always locked. If the gate is to be left open for more than a few minutes, when driving through the gate for example, please ensure the lock is properly locked and not left hanging in the open position.

Signal Flares

All too often in history the contributions of wives has been understated, this does not apply to Martha Coston though. When Martha's husband, a naval scientist, died Martha discovered a rough sketch of plans he had for a pyrotechnic flare amongst his papers.

As an inventor and businesswoman Martha could see the potential of her husband's idea and set about developing and evolving his idea into what she called "Night Signals". Night Signals allowed for more effective communications between ships.

In 1859 Martha registered a Patent for her flares which was shortly thereafter purchased by the US Navy for a significant sum.

Martha credited her husband with the first Patent but in 1871 she registered a patent for an improved version which was entirely her own.

Although Martha died in 1904 there are many lives that have and will be saved as a result of her work.



Welcome to Our New Members

The Commodore and members would like to welcome the following new members to the Club:

Don Arnison

Alexandra and Alistair McCoy

Leonora Toussaint

Addison Wrennell

Ann Nolan

It's on again, Bigger and Better Woody's Radial Roundup - Laser Radial Intergalactic Championships - Laser 4.7 Swamp Cup - International Optimist

Hosted by SHREK and Princess Fiona
RESCHEDULED TO:
24th February 2019



Briefing 8.30am with Race Start 9am
No start after 11.30am

This is a Fun Event open to all ages but restricted to members and guests, including AWYC Discover Sailing Centre students that have completed Better Sailing as a minimum.

Boats: Woody's Radial Roundup - Laser Radials (aftermarket sails OK)
Intergalactic Championships - Laser 4.7's (aftermarket sails OK)
Swamp Cup - International Optimists
Club Laser for hire for the morning @ \$30. Must book prior to the day.

Format: Mini Sprint Races, as many races as we can do in the time limit.

Prizes: Woody Laser Radial Trophy, Buzz Lightyear Laser 4.7 Intergalactic Trophy
& Shrek Opti Swamp Cup. Additional prizes may be awarded on the day.

Entry Cost: *Free* No need to have paid an AWYC Race Entry.
You do need to bring a Fun, Encouraging and Supportive attitude on the day.

All races will be governed by the current ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing (2017-2020) and the rules of respective classes and of the event organiser.

This event is held in the spirit of fun and sportsmanship. The penalty for any infingement is one 360 degree turn. There is no opportunity for protests or mediation. It is up to each individual competitor to race in the spirit of the event.

For more details and boat hire contact:
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How to Teach Your Children Boat and Yacht Safety

By Stephen Moynihan, HMY Yachts

Contributed by John and Dane McCarthy – Friends of AWYC

Spending time on the water in a boat or a yacht can be great fun for the whole family. While kids of all ages usually enjoy boating, swimming, and other activities on the water, parents must take extreme care to supervise youngsters at all times when they are near or on the water. Even if the children are strong swimmers, it's still crucial to supervise all activities carefully to prevent accidents and injuries. It only takes a few moments of inattention for a good time to turn tragic. But with a keen eye on safety families can enjoy a boat or yacht excursion with children and make many happy memories.

Swimming Lessons

Learning to swim during childhood is an important skill that will serve a person well throughout their lifetime. Vacations often involve visiting the beach or a swimming pool, so knowing how to swim is a vital skill for everyone to have. When planned activities involve excursions on the water in a boat or yacht ideally everyone on the watercraft should know how to swim. Strong swimming skills enhance safety and reduce the likelihood of a water-related injury. Drowning deaths are a significant problem throughout the world but many of these deaths could have been prevented if the victims had known how to swim. Even if children can swim well though parents cannot rely on these skills as a substitute for careful supervision around the water. Any time a family excursion involves play near, in, or on the water parents or other responsible adults must watch children at all times to make sure that they stay safe.

Sun Safety

Fun on the water usually involves being out in the sun but damage can occur to the skin after only about 15 minutes in the sun. To minimize skin damage from harmful UV rays parents must monitor their children's exposure as well as their own. When possible, family members should cover their skin with clothing such as long sleeves, long pants and hats that shade the face. Sunglasses with lenses that block UVA and UVB rays can protect the eyes from the sun. When it's not possible to cover the skin with clothing, slathering on a broad-spectrum sunblock with an SPF rating of at least 15 is crucial. Reapply sunscreen every two hours or after swimming or perspiring. Between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. the sun's rays are the strongest so when possible stay indoors during this time and plan a boating excursion for times of the day when the sun's rays are weaker. As an added bonus fishing also tends to be better early or late in the day.

Set a Positive Example

Children commonly look to parents to learn how to conduct themselves. Boating as a family is an excellent opportunity for parents to teach children boating safety guidelines by setting a positive example. Safe boating involves following Coast Guard rules such as operating the boat at safe speeds, giving the right of way to other boaters, watching the surroundings carefully, and avoiding drinking alcohol while driving a boat or yacht. Taking a boating safety course to learn about safe boat operation and applicable regulations will help ensure that parents operate watercraft correctly and safely. Parents can then teach children these skills to help them learn about safe boating and the rules of the water.

Life Jackets

All states have specific laws that require the use of life jackets for children. Many states have also instituted laws that require that a life jacket be on board for every person on the boat. Life jackets are personal flotation devices that people wear to help keep their heads above the surface while they are in the water, and they can save lives if a boat capsizes, if a storm occurs, if a boating collision occurs, or if someone falls overboard. To be effective life jackets must fit snugly so children must wear child-sized life jackets and not adult ones. To ensure that life jackets remain effective they should be tested for buoyancy once a year. A life jacket that is faded or becomes waterlogged should probably be replaced. Have children wear life jackets at all times while in a boat or a yacht. Ideally all adults on board a boat or yacht will wear them as well, in order to set a good example as well as to ensure their safety. Do not stow life jackets for adults in an inaccessible location as it's crucial that everyone on board be able to put on a life jacket quickly if an emergency situation should arise.

Discover Sailing Centre

Leanne Thomson – Discover Sailing Centre Training Principal

Happy new year!

A huge thanks to those who assisted me over the Tackers Holiday programs. It worked out to be a challenging 2 weeks with warm weather making session planning a bit tricky. Week 1 saw a Tackers 3 in the morning and a Tackers 1 in the afternoon. (Unfortunately, we did not get enough enrolments for the Start Sailing 1&2 course). Week 2 had extreme heat and we had to cancel the proposed Tackers 2 and move Tackers 1 to the mornings (with no afternoon classes as it was 45 each day). Thanks to David Haberfield who took some great footage of the Tackers 1 (week 2) group. This will be edited and shared on our website soon.

Blue Green Algae became present the week after our Tackers completed (no surprise given the extreme heat we had). I must say that during the Tackers classes we did not see or smell any evidence of the algae and were pleased the alert held off to allow the completion of our classes.

The Alert for the algae has meant there is a delay to the start of our post-Christmas classes. With the Alert now lifted the classes will commence the weekend of the **2nd & 3rd of March**. We will be running the full spectrum of courses and require volunteers to assist run these courses. If you can assist please let me know ASAP by sending an email to training@awyc.org.au. (Emails have also been sent out through RevSport).

Courses running the start of March will be:

Tackers 3 – Saturday Mornings

Start Racing – Saturday Mornings

Better Sailing – Saturday Mornings

Tackers 2 – Saturday Afternoons

Start Sailing 1&2 Package – Saturday Afternoons
(Start Sailing 2 will join this group in week 3)

Tackers 1 – Sunday afternoons

All the courses above are listed on the club website at: <https://www.awyc.org.au/events/>. Please help promote these with your friends, family, work/school mates. You can even download a flyer for both courses from our website: [Tackers](#) and [Dinghy](#) (found on the bottom of the pages under New To Sailing or download the newsletter and use the hyperlinks).

We also have 2 high school groups booked in for Term 1.

- Victory Lutheran College will be completing a Start Sailing 1 Course (with an overnight camp) on Thursday 21 & Friday 22 March.
- Wodonga Senior Secondary College will have 2 groups doing a Sailing Intro on Monday 25th and Wednesday 27th March.

Our Australian Sailing annual Centre Audit will be held on Monday 25th of March, so everything needs to be checked over to ensure it is in top shape in the lead up.

NB to DSC Team: You can log in to the AWYC website and check on rosters at any time. You can also list when you are UNAVAILABLE. This helps with the administration of the Centre.



AWYC Christmas Party December 2018



Santa handing out pressies at AWYC Christmas Party December 2018

Photo courtesy of Helen Wilson

Women on Water

Mini Regatta

Sunday 24th March

Briefing 8am with Race Start 9am

This event is a Ladies Helm mini regatta. Male skippers and boat owners are encouraged to hand the helm of their boat over to a Female for the morning.

Those ladies not keen to sail are encouraged to volunteer for an on-water role for the morning. eg Start, Course, Safety Boat Crew - we will have experienced Race Officers, drivers, crew on board to help you.

This is a participation based event

***Please encourage social & volunteer female members to join in.
Invite a female visitor to come along for the day!***

The Club has available for hire its Pacer and Laser for the morning. Speak to Leanne to book a boat.



AWYC 2018/2019 CALENDAR

		AWYC Sailing	Discover Sailing Centre
FEBRUARY			
Saturday, 23rd Feb 2019	12.00pm - 3.00pm		Sailability - setup from 11.00am
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	9.00am - 1.00pm		Better Sailing - Dinghy - 1/5 (No class 9th March - Vic long weekend)
	1.30pm - 5.30pm		Tackers 2 - 1/5 (No class 9th March - Vic long weekend)
	1.30pm - 5.30pm		Start Sailing 1 & 2 Package - Dinghy - 1/5 (No class 9th March - Vic long weekend)
Sunday, 3rd Mar 2019	9.00am	Club Championship Racing - Race 9. Briefing at 8.00am.	
	1.30pm - 5.30pm		Tackers 1 - 1/5 (No class 10th March - Vic long weekend)
Saturday, 16th Mar 2019	9.00am - 1.00pm		Start Racing - Dinghy - 2/5
	9.00am - 1.00pm		Tackers 3 - 2/5
	9.00am - 1.00pm		Better Sailing - Dinghy - 2/5
	12.00pm - 3.00pm		Sailability - setup from 11.00am
	1.30pm - 5.30pm		Tackers 2 - 2/5
	1.30pm - 5.30pm		Start Sailing 1 & 2 Package - Dinghy - 2/5
	1.30pm - 5.30pm		Start Sailing 2 - Dinghy - 1/4
Sunday, 17th Mar 2019	9.00am	Club Championship Racing - Race 10. Briefing at 8.00am.	
	1.30pm - 5.30pm		Tackers 1 - 2/5
Saturday, 23rd Mar 2019	9.00am - 1.00pm		Start Racing - Dinghy - 3/5
	9.00am - 1.00pm		Tackers 3 - 3/5
	9.00am - 1.00pm		Better Sailing - Dinghy - 3/5
	1.30pm - 5.30pm		Tackers 2 - 3/5
	1.30pm - 5.30pm		Start Sailing 1 & 2 Package - Dinghy - 3/5
	1.30pm - 5.30pm		Start Sailing 2 - Dinghy - 2/4
Sunday, 24th Mar 2019	9.00am	Women On Water Mini Regatta (Female Helm). Briefing at 8.00am.	
	1.30pm - 5.30pm		Tackers 1 - 3/5
Monday, 25th Mar 2019	10.00am - 1.00pm		Wodonga Senior Secondary Sailing Intro - Group 2
Wednesday, 27th Mar 2019	10.00am - 1.00pm		Wodonga Senior Secondary Sailing Intro - Group 1
Saturday, 30th Mar 2019	9.00am - 1.00pm		Start Racing - Dinghy - 4/5
	9.00am - 1.00pm		Tackers 3 - 4/5
	9.00am - 1.00pm		Better Sailing - Dinghy - 4/5
	1.30pm - 5.30pm		Tackers 2 - 4/5
	1.30pm - 5.30pm		Start Sailing 1 & 2 Package - Dinghy - 4/5
	1.30pm - 5.30pm		Start Sailing 2 - Dinghy - 3/4
Sunday, 31st Mar 2019	9.00am	Club Championship Racing - Race 11. Briefing at 8.00am.	
	1.30pm - 5.30pm		Tackers 1 - 4/5

Stop Press

Water NSW has lifted the Red Alert for Lake Hume which has allowed operations to resume at our Club.

Matching Crew and Boats



The Committee has been talking about a better means of connecting members who are looking for a sailing opportunity with skippers who are looking for crew. As with most things these days there is a number of Apps that will provide a solution but we have decided 'MySail' best fits our needs.

One of the big concerns people have these days with online services is privacy. MySail requires minimal personal information to get started or you can complete a full profile of yourself and your sailing experience. MySail is an Australian company so our Privacy Laws apply and best all, it's free. To get started simply go to the MySail website (<https://mysail.team/>) and Sign Up as either Crew or a Yacht Manager and follow the prompts to complete a profile. Once you have a login you can also make use of the phone and tablet version for both Android and Apple. Look for the above icon when in iTunes or Google Play to ensure you have the correct App. We're confident MySail will provide more sailing opportunities for members and more potential crew for skippers.

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