

# Sail Away

## DECEMBER 2018

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

## What's On!

### Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> – Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> JANUARY

9.00am - 1.00pm Tackers 3 - Holiday Prog.  
9.00am - 1.00pm Start Sailing 1 & 2 Package -  
Dinghy - Holiday Program.  
1.30pm - 5.30pm Tackers 1 - Holiday Prog (Wk 1)

### Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup>

12.00pm - 3.00pm Sailability Session - setup  
from 11.00am.

### Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup>

9.00am Lightning Sprint Series. Briefing 8.00am.  
Racing starts 9.00am.

### Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> – Friday, 18<sup>th</sup>

9.00am - 1.00pm Tackers 2 - Holiday Prog.  
1.30pm - 5.30pm Tackers 1 - Holiday Prog (Wk 2)

### Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup>

AWTC Aquathon (NB: Volunteers required!)

### Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup>

9.00am Club Championship Racing - Race 6.  
Briefing 8.00am. Racing starts 9.00am.

### Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> FEBRUARY

12.00pm – 3.00pm Sailability Session – setup  
from 11.00am.

### Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup>

9.00am Club Championship Racing – Race 7.  
Briefing 8.00am. Racing starts 9.00am.

**Extended calendar later in this edition. Please see the Schedule of Courses for the remainder of the season on AWYC website [here](http://www.alburywodongaYC.org.au)**

## Junior Run Regatta

**Sat and Sun 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> February 2019**

**Come along and support our Juniors!**

**Racing Sat afternoon and Sun morning**

**Sat evening meal prepared by AWYC**

**Juniors**

## From the Helm

*Terry Kerr - Commodore*

G'day All,

Can you believe it's Christmas already! I know time supposedly goes faster the older one gets, but it feels as though last Christmas was just a month or so ago. Christmas is an opportune time to reflect on the past year, what's been achieved and our 2018 journey.

Last Christmas Holidays saw a number of people camping at our Club; always great to see members taking advantage of all the Club has to offer. The Holiday Sailing Program saw plenty of budding sailors starting their sailing adventure. Our Club also gained two new members from this group. January also found Andrea Bejsta in the Whitsunday Islands aboard the schooner 'Solway Las'.

Once again the juniors starred in February with the Junior Run Regatta. Later that month we hosted the Hartley TS16 Victorian Championships, this was a great weekend and seeing a class fleet on the water was something quite special.

During March a number of members, including new members Peter Grayson and 'crew', headed South for the Marlay Point race; Laura Thomson was inducted into the Victorian Institute of Sport and Tony Harrington was swanning around Bass Strait for two weeks aboard Jeanneau Sun Odyssey 389.

During April the campers were back enjoying the weather but unfortunately the Season was drawing to a close. A great time was had by all at the End of Season function and some real bargains were picked up at the Silent Auction. Unfortunately, Mark Harris was unable to be there to receive his award of Club Person of the Year. Mary-Anne Scully was the inaugural recipient of the Women & Girls in Sailing Award. And so closed the Sailing Season.

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## Connect with us on Social Media!

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<https://www.youtube.com/user/AlburyWodongaSailing>



[instagram.com/alburywodongayachtclub/](https://www.instagram.com/alburywodongayachtclub/)

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The sailing may have finished but the work continued. Over a number of Working Bees the Club was prepared for winter and the old Caretaker's Cottage transformed into a storage shed. We also acquired a new RIB that was later named "BrAVERY" in memory of Bruce Avery. Although the work will probably never actually finish, the Club finally moved to a new software platform which incorporated all our online needs. And don't forget we are now paying GST, everything has its price even success. Not to forget the highlight of the Off-Season, the Harry Jakobs Winter Series taken out this year by ... [big drum roll here] ... Joel Dougherty!

And before you could blink it was AGM time and a brand new Sailing Season. The season started with a Long Lunch which, if the 'food coma' was any indication, was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Cliff Swatton christened "BrAVERY" although a few believe they saw a small tear in his eye while pouring champagne over the bow. And the Committee saw a few changes and a new face in Joel Dougherty (perhaps he felt he should 'give back' after winning the Harry Jakobs Series).

I've deliberately not mentioned the Discover Sailing Centre, Sailability or Sail Country Teams, not that they don't deserve mention but because they've done too much. If I'd included everything that the three teams had achieved we'd need two volumes of Sail Away! Suffice to say their contribution to the Club is huge and always delivered professionally and with a smile.

With so much going on at our Club I'm sure I've not mentioned someone or something. That isn't to imply that your contribution isn't known and appreciated but more that there is simply so much going on it's difficult to keep track of everything.

We might be a physically small club but by any other measure you would have to say we're larger than we appear!

That all said, I'll like to wish you all the best from Helen and myself and the Committee and hope you have a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year. Either on the roads or water enjoy the holidays and be safe!

Terry Kerr  
Commodore

Remember – Never try to look intelligent while holding a fish.

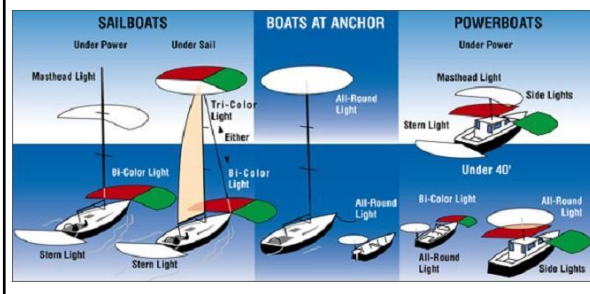
## Navigation Lights

In 1836 a British Royal Commission recommended that all steamships display lanterns, visible in all directions, at night. Unfortunately, it took another 20 years and 3,064 collisions before anyone took the recommendation seriously.

It was Captain Evans, in 1849, who finally solved the collision problems by devising a forward facing, white, masthead light that was visible for an arc from two points aft of the beam on either side of the vessel. He also introduced the red and green side lights showing from ahead to two points aft of the beam.

At the time sailing vessels only carried the white light until 1858 when sidelights were made mandatory for sailing vessels as well.

It wasn't until the first International Maritime Conference in 1889 that the importance of navigation lights on ships to prevent collision was fully recognised.



*New access steps in the camping area. Thank you to Brian Radomski, Stuart Howsam, Brian Royal and the rest of the team who made this happen!*



## 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.

# On-water Pics from Sail Country 2018



Photos provided courtesy Nick Hordern

# Discover Sailing Day 2018

On Saturday, 10th October 2018 AWYC held their annual Discover Sailing Day. Thank you to Club members who volunteered their time to help out and make the visitors to our Club welcome and their sailing experience enjoyable.



*Photos provided courtesy Mary-Anne Scully*

## No Dogs Allowed

A gentle reminder!

Can members please note that as per our Club By-Laws, and as clearly sign posted at the Club, all animals and pets are banned from the Yacht Club at all times (with the exception of Guide Dogs).



## Sailability

*Phil & Andrea Clements – Sailability Coordinators*

The Sailability program continued last month with a mid-week event postponed in November by the participants due to the rough weather early in the day. That has been re-scheduled to next March.

Our scheduled Saturday sessions on the 24<sup>th</sup> November and 8<sup>th</sup> December have again been very successful. Around 15 participants attending each session, even with a 38 degree day last Saturday! There has been a good blend of regulars and new faces to the program. We are also learning some new ways of being able to offer on-water experiences to people and often this has been a ride in the rescue RIB that was supplied by the Commercial Club several years ago.

On that note we have been delighted to have benefitted from further on-going support from the Commercial Club, with a cheque for \$500 being received last week. Our thanks go to the Commercial Club for their generosity, it is much appreciated. Those funds will be put to good use with some further repairs that are required for our aging fleet!

The volunteers continue to do an outstanding job and the roll up at each session is great to see. Everyone is enjoying both the program and each other's company! We received some unsolicited feedback from one of the parents last week who noted how well the volunteers coped and the friendly manner in which the participants were treated.

Many of the participants are really starting to become very confident and competent on the water and I wouldn't be surprised to see some interest from at least one or two of them in becoming involved at a more advanced level.

The next session is scheduled for Sat the 12<sup>th</sup> January and, as always, it would be great to see a few more new faces in the volunteer ranks. Not that we have got tired of the old ones...! If you are at all interested, please come along. There are tasks that need doing for juniors and seniors of all abilities. As we have noted previously, it is a fun afternoon for everyone and you are helping a very worthwhile program. If you aren't too sure but would like to go on our mailing list for Volunteers, head on to the web site <https://www.awyc.org.au/sailability/> and register in the appropriate place. We look forward to seeing you soon.

Thanks

Phil & Andrea



## Marley Point Race

*Phil Clements – Member Contribution*

The Marley Point Overnight Race will be held at the Gippsland Lakes on the weekend of the 9-10<sup>th</sup> March 2019 (Labor Day Weekend in Vic).

I wrote an article for this newsletter after the 2018 event and made reference to the fact that maybe we should try and see if there was some interest in getting a small fleet together to introduce some more people to this iconic event.

Lo & behold, that article was actually read by some people and it looks like I am now being held to account for my remarks!!!!

To start the ball rolling, if there are other members that are interested in this event, could you please make contact with me?

Obviously we need to start with some willing boat owners prepared to enter, and take their boats down for the weekend. We also need a list of potential skippers and crew (new & experienced), that would like to join in as well.

At this stage....no promises, but would love to hear from you if you fit into any of the categories above and we'll see what we can do.

Note that it is a full weekend commitment....we leave here on the Fri morning (8<sup>th</sup>) and will return on the Mon afternoon (11<sup>th</sup>)

Best way to contact me to express your interest is via e-m please: [pandac@bigpond.net.au](mailto:pandac@bigpond.net.au) or grab me for a chat about it out at the Club.

Cheers

Phil C

## Sail Country Wrap Up

*Phil Clements – For Sail Country 2018 Organising Committee*

The SC18 Committee held their wrap-up meeting last week and have compiled a list of ideas, suggestions and comments as to how they saw the event unfold this year and what they would like to see for next year.

As foreshadowed in the last newsletter, the next step is for all the volunteers to get together to review those comments as well as make further suggestions for improvements next year.

This will be held either late Jan or early Feb. A separate notification will be organised.

Thanks

Phil C

# Discover Sailing Centre

*Leanne Thomson –*

*Discover Sailing Centre Training Principal*

What a busy place the Club has been mid-week. A huge thanks goes out to Terry Caldwell and the team of Assistant Instructors who have been working with him with all the school groups coming through. We have had Bethanga, Mitta Mitta, Upper Sandy Creek, Eskdale and Wodonga West Primary already complete various sailing opportunities. Still to be held before the end of term is a sailing introduction for Wooragee Primary on the 19/12. This school has a student in a wheelchair who will be sailing in a Hansa along with the Tackers boats.

On the weekends we have been conducting classes on Saturday and Sunday afternoons. The Saturday morning classes were postponed until after Christmas. Thanks to those volunteering their time. The participants have been keen and appreciate you sharing your time, skills and love of the sport.

Mynyx will be conducting a First Aid Course and Refresher on December 16<sup>th</sup> (9am – 5pm) at the Wodonga TAFE Space. This course requires some online work to be completed prior to attending. Please register early to allow you enough time to complete this at home. The link to register is: <https://enrol.vetenrol.com.au/Enrol.aspx?334669619> Members get a discounted rate of \$139.50 and non- members \$155. For more details feel free to email Terry Kerr at [terry.kerr@mynyx.com.au](mailto:terry.kerr@mynyx.com.au)

Congratulations to Erwin Bejsta, who is now an accredited Australian Sailing Keelboat Instructor. Courses are still being planned for 2019 and I will keep you updated when they are available for booking.

Congratulations also to Donald Thomson who has reaccredited his Sailing Coach qualification with Australian Sailing.

We have holiday courses commencing in January and would love members to help promote these courses. They are all listed on the club website at: <https://www.awyc.org.au/events/>. There will be 2 weeks of various Tackers courses and 1 week of Start Sailing 1&2, as per below:

## Monday 7<sup>th</sup> – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2019

- 9am – 1pm
  - Start Sailing 1&2
  - Tackers 3
- 1:30pm – 5:30pm
  - Tackers 1

## Monday 14<sup>th</sup> – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2019

- 9am – 1pm
  - Tackers 2
- 1:30pm – 5:30pm
  - Tackers 1

We will obviously need volunteers for these courses so if you can assist please let me know ASAP by sending an email to [training@awyc.org.au](mailto:training@awyc.org.au).

Thanks to those DSC team who have been using the RevSports rostering system. I have been sending group emails out via this system to qualified instructors and assistants. 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 administration of the Centre.

NB: Weekend courses commence again in February. All courses are open for registrations at <https://www.awyc.org.au/events/>.

## 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 of 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.

## Catamaran for Sale

Club member Bruce Diffey has a Hobie 16 Catamaran for sale.

For more information Bruce can be contacted by phone on: 0419 355 473

AWYC 2018/2019			
		AWYC Sailing	Discover Sailing Centre
<b>DECEMBER</b>			
Sunday, 16th Dec 2018	9.00am	Swamp Cup, Laser 4.7 Intergalactic Champs, Woody's Radial Roundup. Briefing 8.00am. Racing starts 9.00am	
	9.00am - 5.00pm	First Aid Course and First Aid Refresher. Wodonga TAFE Space.	
	12.00pm - 4.30pm	AWYC Christmas Party	
Wednesday, 19th Dec 2018	10.00am - 12.00pm		Wooragee Primary School Sailing Intro (inc Hansa for wheelchair sailor)
<b>JANUARY</b>			
Monday, 7th Jan - Friday, 11th Jan 2019	9.00am - 1.00pm		Tackers 3 Holiday Program - Monday to Friday inclusive
	9.00am - 1.00pm		Start Sailing 1 & 2 Package - Dinghy (Holiday Program) - Monday to Friday inclusive
	1.30pm - 5.30pm		Tackers 1 - Holiday Program (Wk1) - Monday to Friday inclusive
Saturday, 12th Jan 2019	12.00pm - 3.00pm		Sailability Session - setup from 11.00am
Sunday, 13th Jan 2019	9.00am	Lightning Sprint Series. Briefing 8.00am. Racing starts 9.00am	
Monday, 14th Jan - Friday 18th Jan 2019	9.00am - 1.00pm		Tackers 2 - Holiday Program. Monday to Friday inclusive
	1.30pm - 5.30pm		Tackers 1 - Holiday Program (Wk2). Monday to Friday inclusive
Wednesday, 16th Jan, 2019		AWTC Aquathon	(NB: Volunteers needed!)
Sunday, 20th Jan 2019	9.00am	Club Championship Racing - Race 6. Briefing 8.00am. Racing starts 9.00am	
<b>FEBRUARY</b>			
Saturday, 2nd Feb 2019	12.00pm - 3.00pm		Sailability Session - setup from 11.00am
Sunday, 3rd Feb 2019	9.00am	Club Championship Racing - Race 7. Briefing 8.00am. Racing starts 9.00am	
Wednesday, 6th Feb 2019		AWTC Aquathon	(NB: Volunteers needed!)
Saturday, 9th Feb 2019	2.00pm	Junior Run Regatta - afternoon session. Briefing 1.00pm. Racing starts 2.00pm.	
	6.00pm - 8.30pm	Evening Meal Prepared by AWYC Juniors.	
Sunday, 10th Feb 2019	9.00am	Junior Run Regatta - morning session. Briefing 8.00am. Racing starts 9.00am.	
Saturday, 16th Feb - Sat 23rd March 2019	9.00am - 1.00pm		Start Racing Dinghy 1/5. (No class 9th March - Vic long weekend).
	9.00am - 1.00pm		Tackers 3 1/5. (No class 9th March - Vic long weekend).
	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, 17th Feb 2019	9.00am	Club Championship Racing - Race 8. Briefing 8.00am. Racing starts 9.00am.	
	1.30pm - 5.30pm		Tackers 1 1/5
Saturday, 23rd Feb 2019	9.00am - 1.00pm		Start Racing Dinghy 2/5. (No class 9th March - Vic long weekend).
	9.00am - 1.00pm		Tackers 3 2/5. (No class 9th March - Vic long weekend).
	9.00am - 1.00pm		Better Sailing - Dinghy 2/5. (No class 9th March - Vic long weekend).
	1.30pm - 5.30pm		Tackers 2 2/5. (No class 9th March - Vic long weekend).
	1.30pm - 5.30pm		Start Sailing 1 & 2 Package - Dinghy 2/5. (No class 9th March - Vic long weekend).
	12.00pm - 3.00pm		Sailability Session - setup from 11.00am
Sunday, 24th Feb 2019	9.00am	WGIS Mini Regatta (Female Helm). Briefing 8.00am. Racing starts 9.00am.	
	1.30pm - 5.30pm		Tackers 1 2/5

# Coming Up – Away Sailing Events

Mark McMillan – Laser Rep

- Victorian Laser Championships @ McCrae YC - 9/10 February 2019 - plenty of room for loading and unloading. The sailing is in a “no stress” part of the bay without marinas nor channels to navigate through. It would be a great venue for juniors wishing to take part in their first Laser States.
- Victorian Masters Titles @ Royal Geelong YC - 16/17 March 2019

More info at [viclaser.org.au/event/](http://viclaser.org.au/event/)



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