

Sail Away

SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER 2018

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

What's On!

Saturday 20th OCTOBER

12.00pm – 3.00pm Sailability

Sunday 21st

9.00am Club Championship Race 2

1.00pm Sail Country Working Bee

Saturday 27th & Sunday 28th

Tallangatta Overnight Cruise

Sunday 28th

AWYC Display at Wodonga Children's Fair

Saturday 3rd & Sunday 4th NOVEMBER

Sail Country 2018 Racing

Monday 5th & Tuesday 6th

Class Training

Wednesday 7th

10.00am – 2.00pm St Anne's Temora Discover Sailing Experience @ AWYC

Saturday 10th

11.00am – 3.00 pm AWYC Discover Sailing Day

Sunday 11th

9.00am Club Championship Race 3

Saturday 17th

9.00am – 1.00pm Better Sailing - Dinghy

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

Sail Country 2018

Friday 2nd to Tuesday 6th November

**If you are able to help
volunteers are still required!
Come along and join in the fun!**

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From the Helm

Terry Kerr - Commodore

G'day everyone. It never ceases to amaze me the positions (some might say predicaments) in which I find myself. Without going into where I'd seen myself for the next two years, being the Commodore certainly wasn't even on the horizon.

It's probably fair to say that not too many people know that much about me so I thought I should address this first. I spent my early years in the Australian Army serving mainly as a Field Medic. In the latter stages of my service I was posted to the Army's Medical Training School as an Instructor, this is where I discovered my passion for training. On leaving the Army I entered a second career in Information Technology working mainly in Government Departments. Given my background I quite often found myself being appointed as the resident first aid person. This, combined with my training background, led me to the Red Cross as a Casual, First Aid Trainer. Before retiring from my IT career my wife, Helen, and I started a small business teaching first aid and some other associated courses. Our business has evolved into a retirement project, Helen also has a clinical and training background and also teaches, to keep us busy in our retirement.

Helen and I started sailing in 2012 on a Dinghy course at our Club. After a couple of further courses in Melbourne we purchased a Clubman 8. Unfortunately, during winter the following year we both developed arthritis in our hands and some balance issues. Consequently, we now sail a Hobie Tandem Island Kayak, not as much fun as our Clubman but much easier for us to handle.

Moving onto more important things; the new Committee will meet on the 20th of October to discuss our future direction. While I don't have an actual

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agenda for the next two years, I do have a foggy vision. I'm sure you've heard the Chinese Proverb "Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day. Teach a man to fish and you feed him for a life time.". While there is some truth in this, it only really gives the man a new skill, it doesn't actually feed him. But if you provide him with the opportunity to go fishing then you've produced a result. This will very much be the theme, if Committee's have a theme, for the next two years. I firmly believe our Club has many unexploited opportunities; with your support I intend to develop these opportunities so we will all have plenty of fish.

Terry Kerr
Commodore

As a parting thought: Remember - never test the depth of water with both feet.

PS. A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to and attended the Long Lunch at the Season Launch. Great food, great company and a great time was had by all (as can be attested by the number of food comas during the AGM).

Welcome Walter!

Congratulations to AWYC members Mitch and Jess Harris who recently welcomed the arrival of baby Walter, and best wishes also to proud grandparents and AWYC members Mark and Kaye Harris.

We look forward to seeing three generations of the Harris family enjoying sailing and socialising at the Club.

AWYC is delighted and proud to welcome our youngest member (and we hear young Walter already has a life jacket!!)



Beaufort Scale

No doubt you've heard of the Beaufort Scale but just who was Beaufort? Francis Beaufort was born in Ireland in 1774. He joined the Royal Navy at the age of 13 and rose to the rank of Rear Admiral. Beaufort invented his Scale in 1805 while commanding HMS Woolwich. Although his Scale took some time to be recognised it eventually became the standard means of describing Sea State in logs aboard all Royal Navy ships in 1838.

Beaufort's Scale reflects the effect of wind on his 18th century war ship rather than an attempt to measure the wind; that is to say, the focus was on his ship not the wind. In the Beaufort Scale numbers 0 to 4 describe the wind in terms of the speed at which it would push his ship. Values 5 to 9 describe the sail carrying ability of his ship and 10 to 12 describe the survivability of his ship in such a wind.

The Beaufort Scale continued to evolve and still exists today as an accepted means of classifying Sea State based on observation rather than measurement.



MEMBERSHIP OVERDUE?



If you have not paid your membership it is now overdue and your insurance cover has expired.

If wishing to continue as a member you must pay NOW. Committee will be following up with those who have not renewed and not notified them about it.

Sailability

Phil and Andrea Clements –
Sailability Coordinators

The Sailability Season gets underway on Saturday the 20th Oct.

Sailing time is from 12.00 to 3.00pm and the setting up process will start at 11.00am.

It is a fun afternoon for everyone and the visitors are most appreciative of the opportunity to get out on the water.

We are in need of some more volunteers to assist run the session on Saturday. Doesn't matter what your age or experience. If you can come along even for part of the day, your help would be much appreciated.

We can be contacted on either 0407 272 375 or sailability@awyc.org.au

Thanks

Phil & Andrea



Crikey!

Leigh Caldwell – Member Contribution

There was once a famous ship captain. He was very successful at what he did and for years he guided merchant ships all over the world.

Never did stormy seas or pirates get the best of him. He was admired by his crew and fellow captains. However, there was one thing different about this captain. Every morning he went through a strange ritual.

He would lock himself in his captain's quarters and open a small safe. In the safe was an envelope with a piece of paper inside. He would stare at the paper for a minute, lock it back up and go about his daily duties.

For years this went on and his crew became very curious. Was it a treasure map? Was it a letter from a long lost love? Everyone speculated about the contents of the strange envelope.

Then one day the captain died at sea. After laying his body to rest the first mate led the entire crew into the captain's quarters. He opened the safe, pulled out the envelope, opened it and turned pale. There were four words on the paper, two lines.

Port left, starboard right.



Sail Country 2018 Update

Phil Clements – For Sail Country 2018
Organising Committee

Be part of the fun - volunteer for Sail Country 2018!

In just under four weeks our Club will again host one of the 10 biggest regattas in Australia...Sail Country! This regatta is a major fund raiser for our club and ensures we can maintain and enhance our facilities and help keep membership fees as reasonable as possible.

Last year more than 90 AWYC members volunteered during the regatta which was an amazing effort. Quite a few people have already been co-opted to assist with various jobs. Thank you!

However there are still plenty of vacancies in the volunteering department and we are keen to hear from you if you are available to help out.

The event details are as follows:

Dates:	Fri 2 November to Tues 6 November (Melbourne Cup weekend)
Racing:	Saturday & Sunday
Class training:	Monday and Tuesday
Set up:	Thursday 1 November
Pack up:	From Tues 6 November

The key areas still requiring help are:

Galley duties
On-shore supervision & marshalling
Cleaning & rubbish management

There are jobs that will suit all members of all ages, both on and off the water. EVERYONE is welcome (and encouraged) to be involved. Here's how you can volunteer:

1. Put your name onto a chart on the wall in the clubhouse
2. Text or call Phil Clements (head of Sail Country committee): 0407 272 375
3. **Email** Phil Clements

Your assistance for this important event is very much appreciated. While it does involve a bit of effort on our behalf there is also a great deal of fun to be had. There is always a good vibe around the place and our visitors think we are great!! Any amount of time you can contribute will be put to good use.

Thanks again

Phil C



AWYC AGM – October 2018

Congratulations to our new Commodore Terry Kerr – may the Force be with him!

Also a huge thank you to our outgoing Commodore Leanne Thomson who continues to do a mighty job for our Club taking on the role of Training Principal for the next twelve months.

Other members have either taken on new roles or continued in positions held previously – a few taking on multiple roles to ensure our Club continues to move forward.

On the back page you will see there are still a few functional positions that still need filling if there are any members who think they may like to throw their hat into the ring. Some of the positions do require a time commitment but can be very rewarding.



Season Launch and Long Lunch

The Season Launch on Sunday 7th October with a long lunch were a very fitting way to start another very busy sailing season.

For some members there wasn't much of an off season with much being achieved around the Club in preparation for the new season and Sail Country 2018 - which is almost upon us!

Celebrations on Sunday included the launch of our new safety boat which was desperately needed. Hopefully with a little more fundraising the Club will be able to purchase another in the near future.

Thank you to all who made the effort to attend and for providing the food to share. Most enjoyable!



Photos provided courtesy of Mary-Anne Scully

Discover Sailing Centre

Leanne Thomson – Discover Sailing Centre Training Principal

Congratulations to Wes Ward, Simon Thomson, Andrea Bejsta, Alex Bejsta, George Henderson and Oscar Henderson on successfully becoming Australian Sailing Dinghy Instructors. The course held on the weekend of the 8th & 9th of September saw the group get lots of on-water training on the Saturday (enjoying the sunshine) whilst completing more theory and on-land practical work on the (colder) Sunday. Well done to Terry Caldwell (and myself) for completing the Re-Accreditation course. This group are now all AS Dinghy Instructors for the next 5 years (providing certain pre-requisite conditions are maintained).

Bookings have started for our courses and all courses can be found online at: <https://www.awyc.org.au/events/> If you select the search Category as "Discover Sailing Centre" it will list just the DSC courses. Make sure you let your friends, family, work/school mates all know about what we have to offer.

I will be sending out an email requesting all the teams' availability and preferences for courses soon. Please take a few minutes to review your commitments between now and Christmas so you can reply promptly to my email.

A massive Thank You goes out to Thurston & Suzanne Kent (new members early 2018) for taking on the sanding and varnishing of the Tackers rudders and centreboards. They have already returned a few back to the Club and they look fantastic. Donald is replacing the uni-joints and tiller extension grips – so they will look like new. Let's hope the Tackers Team are successful in getting the kids to keep them looking that way.

Good luck to Jeff Stirling, Erwin Bejsta & Alex Bejsta, who are heading down to Melbourne to complete a Keelboat Instructor's course on the weekend of October 13th & 14th. If they are successful in gaining the qualification AWYC will be conducting a Keelboat program this season. Stay tuned for more details!

Some volunteering opportunities coming up include:

- The Wodonga Children's Fair - Sunday 28th of October.
- Discover Sailing Day - Saturday 10th of November.

These 2 events set up our Discover Sailing Centre for the season – so please put your hand up and log in to Dutyman to help out.



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Victorian Discover Sailing Centre
of the Year 2013

DutyMan

Stuart Howsam – DutyMan Administrator

With the start of the new sailing season it is timely to remind members that we all need to support our Club by ensuring we contribute as volunteers. You can log on to DutyMan [here](#) and register for a duty right now! Remember each member is required to volunteer at least two weekends during the season.

You will see below there are many spots available where volunteers are still required – it would be great to see all the spots filled at least a month ahead!

Sat 20 Oct 2018	<i>Sailability & Set Up for Sunday</i>			
	10:00 Committee Rep	Volunteer Required		
	10:00 Onshore Duty	Ken Woodman	✓	
	10:00 Yardarm Cafe rep	Cathy Hawksworth	✓	
	10:00 Cafe Duty	Volunteer Required		
Sun 21 Oct 2018	<i>Club Championship Racing & SC working Bee</i>			
	07:30 Committee Rep	Volunteer Required		
	08:00 Yardarm Cafe rep	Volunteer Required		
	10:00 Cafe Duty	Volunteer Required		
	10:00 Cafe Duty	Volunteer Required		
	07:30 Race Officer	Terry Caldwell	✓	
	07:30 Start Boat crew	Volunteer Required		
	07:30 Safety RIB driver	Volunteer Required		
	07:30 Safety RIB crew	Volunteer Required		
	07:30 Course Boat Driver	Volunteer Required		
	07:30 Course Boat Crew	Brian Radomski	✓	
Sat 27 Oct 2018	<i>Tallangatta cruise</i>			
	10:00 Committee Rep	Volunteer Required		
	10:00 Onshore Duty	Volunteer Required		
Sun 28 Oct 2018	<i>Tallangatta cruise</i>			
	10:00 Committee Rep	Volunteer Required		
		<i>Wodonga childrens fair</i>		
	9:00 Setup and help on stand	Volunteer Required		
	9:00 Setup and help on stand	Volunteer Required		
	9:00 Setup and help on stand	Volunteer Required		
	9:00 Setup and help on stand	Volunteer Required		
	11:00 Help on stand - adult	Volunteer Required		
	11:00 Help on stand - adult	Volunteer Required		
	11:00 Help on stand - child	Volunteer Required		
	11:00 Help on stand - child	Volunteer Required		
	13:00 Stand and pickup - adult	Volunteer Required		
	13:00 Stand and pickup - adult	Volunteer Required		
	13:00 Stand and pickup - child	Volunteer Required		
	13:00 Stand and pickup - child	Volunteer Required		

AWYC 2018/2019 CALENDAR**AWYC Sailing****Discover Sailing Centre****OCTOBER**

Saturday 20th	12.00pm - 3.00pm		Sailability Session - setup from 11.00am
Sunday 21st	9.00am	Club Championship Racing - Race 2	
	1.00pm	Sail Country Working Bee	
Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th		Tallangatta Overnight Cruise (Departs AWYC Saturday. Departs Talangatta 9.00am Sunday)	
Sunday 28th	08:30 - 15:30		AWYC Display at Wodonga Children's Fair

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Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th		Sail Country Racing	
Monday 5th and Tuesday 6th		Class Training	
Wednesday 7th	10.00am - 2.00pm	St Anne's Temora Discover Sailing Experience @ AWYC	
Saturday 10th	11.00am - 3.00pm	Discover Sailing Day @ AWYC	
Sunday 11th	9.00am	Club Championship Racing - Race 3	
Saturday 17th	9.00am - 1.00pm		Better Sailing - Dinghy
	9.00am - 1.00pm		Tackers 3
	9.00am - 1.00pm		Start Racing - Dinghy
	1.30pm - 5.30pm		Start Sailing 1 & 2 Package - Dinghy
	1.30 pm - 5.30pm		Tackers 2
Sunday 18th	8.00am	Mini Regatta - Varied Course (eg Triangle/Trapezoid)	
	1.30pm - 5.30pm		Tackers 1
Monday 19th	9.15am - 11.15am		Bethanga Primary, Yr 3 & 4 - Tackers Intro 1/2
	11.45am - 3.00pm		Bethanga Primary, Yr 5 & 6 - Tackers 10 hr Intro 1/3
Wednesday 21st	11.00am - 1.00pm		Mitta, Talgarno, USC - Tackers Sporting Schools - Intro 1/2
Friday 23rd	11.00am - 1.00pm		Bethanga Primary, Yr 5 & 6 - Tackers 10 hr Intro 2/3
Saturday 24th	12.00pm - 3.00pm		Sailability Session - setup from 11.00am
Sunday 25th	9.00am	Club Championship Racing - Race 4	
Monday 26th	9.15am - 11.15am		Bethanga Primary, Yr 3 & 4 - Tackers Intro 2/2
	11.45am - 3.00pm		Bethanga Primary, Yr 5 & 6 - Tackers 10 hr Intro 3/3
Wednesday 28th	11.00am - 1.00pm		Mitta, Talgarno, USC - Tackers Sporting Schools - Intro 2/2
Saturday 24th	9.00am - 1.00pm		Better Sailing - Dinghy Session 2
	9.00am - 1.00pm		Tackers 3 - Session 2
	9.00am - 1.00pm		Start Racing - Dinghy Session 2
	1.30pm - 5.30pm		Start Sailing 1 & 2 Package - Dinghy Session 2
	1.30 pm - 5.30pm		Tackers 2 Session 2



More photos from our season launch and long lunch on Sunday 7th October 2018.

Photos courtesy of Mary-Anne Scully.

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