

Sail Away

NOVEMBER 2018

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

What's On!

Saturday 17th NOVEMBER

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- 1.30pm – 5.30pm Tackers 2 2/5
- 12.00pm – 3.00pm Sailability Session – setup from 11.00am

Sunday 25th

- 9.00am Club Championship Racing – Race 4
- 1.30pm – 5.30pm Tackers 1 2/5

Saturday 1st DECEMBER

- 1.30pm – 5.30pm Start Sailing 2 – Dinghy 1/3

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

Powerboat Handling Course

Saturday 8th & Sunday 9th
December 2018

Please see details on page 6

From the Helm

Terry Kerr - Commodore

G'day everyone. We now have a full team! Our newest Committee member, Joel Dougherty, has stepped into the Assets role (although we've retitled the role - more on that in a minute) and Helen Kerr has taken on the Café Coordinator role. The Committee has decided to rename the Assets Manager role to Maintenance Coordinator. The thinking is that the new title better reflects the nature of the role more so than Assets Manager. That is to say Joel coordinates the Club's maintenance rather than managing our assets.

In addition to the Suggestions Box in the Clubhouse there is now a Suggestions email address – suggestions@awyc.org.au The intention is to provide a more convenient means of passing on your thoughts and communicating with the Committee. Although the email is titled Suggestions, please feel free to use the address as an opportunity to pass on your thoughts not just your suggestions. Indeed, I encourage you to make your thoughts known to the Committee, particularly if our Club isn't meeting your needs: if you don't talk to us we can't do anything about your concerns.

The Committee is thinking about saving some money by only posting our Newsletter to people without an email address. Those members with an email address would be advised in the next weekly "What's On" email that a new issue of Sail Away is available, there would also be a link to the issue. If you have a view on this please talk to one of our Committee or email your thoughts to the Suggestions Box.

It would be fair to say that the current Duty system isn't delivering the outcome that our Club needs. Over the year various systems and ideas have been tried but none, to the best of my knowledge, have delivered a

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sustainable, functional result. If you have any thoughts on how we might efficiently complete the various weekend tasks that need to be done please pass them on to a Committee member or by using the Suggestions email address.

With Sail Country 2018 now behind us I would like to congratulate all involved on another very successful event. Walking around and listening to people I didn't hear one bad word said about the event. While it takes many people to make Sail Country happen, some contributing a little and some a lot, I'm reluctant to single out anyone for special mention as it takes everyone contributing in their own way to make it the success it continues to be year after year. Rather I'll say a huge congratulations and thank you to everyone involved!

Terry Kerr
Commodore

PS - Make sure you read the Training section, Leanne has some really exciting news!

Remember – It's the second mouse that gets the cheese.



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.

Fresnel Lens

The Egyptian Pharos are believed to have used beaten copper reflectors to increase the glow from their braziers. It wasn't until the 1820s though when the French physicist Augustin-Jean Fresnel installed his lens in Bordeaux, France that a cylindrical beam of light was produced.

Fresnel discovered that the efficiency of a lens depended more on the contours of the lens than the thickness of the glass from which the lens was made. By removing the excess glass Fresnel was able to increase light capture level of a lens by 70% while reducing its weight by a factor of ten.

He further developed his lens by producing a series of concentric prisms that captured and reflected the light outwards into a narrow horizontal beam. A further modification to Fresnel's lens produced an all-round horizontal beam, this eliminated the need for a rotating mechanism.

Fresnel's principles are still in use today although most lenses are made of plastic rather than glass.



Tractor Usage Notice

There was a recent incident where the tractor was found to have been effectively run dry of fuel. As this is potentially harmful to the engine, to ensure our tractor lasts as long as possible, please ensure the fuel tank does not drop below the one quarter mark. Refuelling, when required, is the responsibility of the driver not the Maintenance Coordinator. Please use the yellow jerry can; it only takes a few minutes.

Sailability

*Phil and Andrea Clements –
Sailability Coordinators*

The Sailability program got underway in October but unfortunately the weather played up and the event was blown out shortly after it started! Terry C proved that the water is not too cold to go swimming in but probably would have rather not been quite so immersed in his job!!

The next session is scheduled for Sat the 23rd November and 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



Sail Country 2018

*Phil Clements – For Sail Country 2018
Organising Committee*

A huge shout out to all of you (and there were plenty) that assisted with Sail Country. Thank you heaps for your contribution. Everyone has done the Club and the region proud.

AWYC was truly abuzz for four days with visitors thoroughly enjoying our facilities and hospitality. The positive feedback and gratitude has come from all over the place. The participants and their supporters were really impressed with what we do as a relatively small club.

From a weather perspective we were incredibly fortunate that our event fitted neatly between quite a bit of adverse weather both before and after the weekend.

As with all events, there are lots of things we do well but always things we can do better or differently going forward. The SC Committee will be holding a wrap up meeting this month and we will set up a

whole of Club meeting & sausage sizzle to allow everyone to provide feedback. Similarly, you are welcome to email or call me if there are matters you'd rather discuss one on one.

Once again thank you one and all for your support. I hope you enjoyed the experience and hope we will be able to sign you up again next year!!

Phil C
Event Coordinator

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Some Pics from Sail Country 2018



Greenfleet



Matilda and Lily Richardson, Second place 420 class,
with Helen Wilson from North East CMA



Daryl and Michelle Stone, Third place in Tasar class, with Brad
Wielstra, Blacklocks Jaguar Land Rover

More Pics from Sail Country 2018



SC Country 2018 –Ready to go!



Tana Deyell, First place Optimist Open Fleet, with Terry Kerr AWYC Commodore



Enjoying Sail Country!



Heather Macfarland and Chris Payne, First place in Fireball Championships with AWYC Commodore Terry Kerr



Riley, Ellen, Sam and Arabella from Royal Geelong and Sandringham - first at the registration desk being welcomed by Phil Clements SC volunteer event manager



John Newman, First in Mixed and winner of medallion in Musto class, with Jim Maher from Commercial Club Albury



Volunteers in the café were kept busy by the hungry hoards!



L: Joel Van Weel, First Laser Radial, with Peter Merritt, Vic Laser Asscn, Chair Aus Sailing.....



Harvie Batty, First Minnow Novice with Leanne Thomson, Graphipress



Greg Williams, First Laser Standard, with Peter Merritt, Vic Laser Asscn, Chair Aus Sailing...

See the full range of photos from Sail Country on the Sail Country 2018 Facebook site at <https://www.facebook.com/sailcountry/>

Wodonga Children's Fair 2018

Leanne Thomson – Discover Sailing Centre Training Principal

On the 28th of October AWYC had a display at the Wodonga Children's Fair. This event sees over 16,000 people attend and is a great opportunity to promote our Discover Sailing Day, Learn to Sail Courses as well as the Club in general. Thanks to Donald and Aaron who helped me all day and to Wes, Mary-Anne, Jacob, Stuart H & Ian H for their assistance.

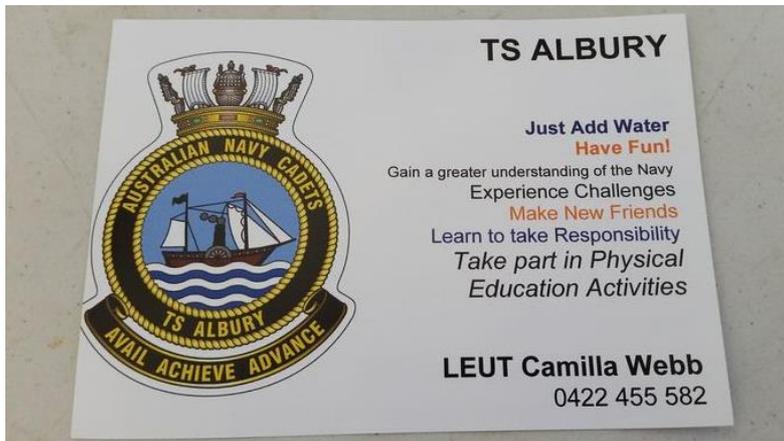
AWYC enjoyed catching up with the Naval Cadets who also attended The Wodonga Children's Fair.

A number of cadets volunteered to support race management during Sail Country 2018, including AWYC junior Ben Demeo who has attended training courses at AWYC and has assisted with delivery of Tackers programs.

We received some wonderful feedback about the Cadet's contribution in the regatta, including the following email:

"...I wanted to catch up with my two Navy crew (Lachy and Darcy) to say thanks for their help over the two days but unfortunately they left before I came ashore. They did a great job, they listened well and were always eager to help, after only two days they had streaming and retrieving marks down to a fine art. I was also impressed in the way Lachy (the older of the two) quietly looked after Darcy. I'd be happy to have them as crew again. Perhaps you could pass my thanks onto their CO..."

From Simon Tedstone, Royal Brighton Yacht Club who had a RIB on Alpha course.



Discover Sailing Centre

Leanne Thomson – Discover Sailing Centre Training Principal

WOW – AWYC will soon be conducting Australian Sailing Keelboat courses. Jeff Stirling is our first Australian Sailing Keelboat Instructor, with Erwin & Alex Bejsta almost accredited as well. These courses should commence in the new year, once we have the new Club boat “Hagar” (Austral 28) up and running. In the meantime we will be arranging some Discover Sailing Experiences using Hagar, to make sure the instructing team are familiar with how everything works.

Donald has replaced halyards, etc on the Training Pacers and Simon and Donald have given the Tackers Optis a clean up – so we are now ready to go into the crazy 5 week period of training leading into Christmas. A big thanks to all the people who have helped out with maintenance on the boats over Winter.

The start to our Training season has already begun with a group of secondary students travelling all the way from Temora to participate in a 4 hour sailing introduction. Thanks to Terry Caldwell, Jeff Stirling, Mark McMillan and Aaron Pimm for working with this group last Wednesday (a big ask after they had all helped out for Sail Country the weekend prior). We have a busy School schedule throughout November and December, so if any of our school age team have a pupil free day or finish up the school year early please let me know your dates as we will need a lot of help (check out the ‘events’ page for the dates of school groups).

This year I will be trialling the new RevSports rostering system. I will be sending out emails to the volunteers in the Centre asking them to log in and list when they are NOT available to help. This blocks you out of the roster and helps me allocate people to fill gaps. With courses starting November 17th it is not long now to get organised.

Bookings are still open for all courses and 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.

The next Powerboat Handling course will be conducted by Erwin on the weekend of the 8th & 9th of December. Discounted price for AWYC Members. Register via the “Events” tab on the AWYC website.

Yardarm Café

Helen Kerr – Café Coordinator

Menu Changes



Our supplier of your favourite pies has changed their menu so Lamb and Rosemary, Beef and Guinness and Beef and Red Wine pies and Vegetable Pasties are no longer available from the cafe.

In their place Pepper Steak Pie, Mushroom and Beef pie, 100% Beef Pies, Thai Chicken Pie, Cheese and Bacon Pie, Cauliflower and Leek Pie, Sausage Rolls and Chunky Vegetable Rolls will now be on the menu.

Café Duties

Could all those members who like doing their two weekend duties in the Café indicate their preference for dates in Dutyman.

We are still looking for a few more Café Reps. Training (sponsored by the Club) and support is provided until you are familiar with the role.

We will also be looking for someone to take on the role of Café Co-ordinator for season 2018/19. If you are interested in any of these roles or would like more information, please contact Helen Kerr (Café Co-ordinator).

Email: cafe@awyc.org.au

Phone: 0438 425 992

Annual Race Official Seminar – 12th December, 2018 @ 7pm

Australian Sailing invites you to attend the annual Race Official Seminar at Sail Melbourne held at Royal Brighton Yacht Club (Bayview Room). This seminar will provide you the latest trends from World Sailing, offer you the opportunity to ask questions and provide our presenter with scenarios.

This seminar is a **free seminar** to all Race Officials and volunteers who assist the sport at club, state, national and international level or someone interested in taking in race management. Your presenters on the evening will be **Peter Merritt – Chair of the Australian Race Officials Rules Committee** and **Steve Aulich – Int Race Office (IRO) and Race Management and Rules Committee at Sandringham Yacht Club**.

Save the date!

AWYC 2018/2019			
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	1.30pm - 5.30pm		Tackers 1 1/5
Monday, 19th November, 2018	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 November, 2018	11.00am - 1.00pm		Mitta, Talgarno, USC - Tackers Sporting Schools - Intro 1/2
Friday, 23rd November, 2018	11.45am - 3.00pm		Bethanga Primary, Yr 5 & 6 - Tackers 10 hr Intro 2/3
Saturday, 24th November, 2018	9.00am - 1.00pm		Better Sailing - Dinghy 2/5
	9.00am - 1.00pm		Tackers 3 2/5
	9.00am - 1.00pm		Start Racing - Dinghy 2/5
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	12.00pm - 3.00pm		Sailability Session - setup from 11.00am
Sunday, 25th November, 2018	9.00am	Club Championship Racing - Race 4. Briefing 8.00am. Racing starts 9.00am.	
	11.00am - 5.00pm	(Butko Engineering Christmas Party)	
	1.30pm - 5.30pm		Tackers 1 2/5
Monday, 26th November, 2018	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
Tuesday, 27th November, 2018	11.00am - 1.00pm		Eskdale Primary - Tackers Sporting Schools Intro - 1/2
Wednesday, 28th November, 2018	11.00am - 1.00pm		Mitta, Talgarno, USC - Tackers Sporting Schools - Intro 2/2
DECEMBER			
Saturday, 1st December, 2018	9.00am - 1.00pm		Better Sailing - Dinghy 3/5
	9.00am - 1.00pm		Tackers 3 3/5
	9.00am - 1.00pm		Start Racing - Dinghy 3/5
	1.30pm - 5.30pm		Start Sailing 1 & 2 Package - Dinghy 3/5
	1.30 pm - 5.30pm		Tackers 2 3/5
	1.30pm - 5.30pm		Start Sailing 2 - Dinghy 1/3
Tuesday, 4th December, 2018	10.00am - 12.00pm		Wodonga West Primary School Group 1
	12.30pm - 2.30pm		Wodonga West Primary School Group 2
Wednesday, 5th December, 2018	11.00am - 1.00pm		Eskdale Primary - Tackers Sporting Schools Intro - 2/2
Friday, 7th December, 2018	10.00am - 12.00pm		Wodonga West Primary School Group 3
	12.30pm - 2.30pm		Wodonga West Primary School Group 4
Saturday, 8th December, 2018	9.00am - 1.00pm		Better Sailing - Dinghy 4/5
	9.00am - 1.00pm		Tackers 3 4/5
	9.00am - 1.00pm		Start Racing - Dinghy 4/5
	12.00pm - 3.00pm		Sailability Session - setup from 11.00am
	1.30pm - 5.30pm		Start Sailing 1 & 2 Package - Dinghy 4/5
	1.30 pm - 5.30pm		Tackers 2 4/5
	1.30pm - 5.30pm		Start Sailing 2 - Dinghy 4/5
	1.30pm - 5.30pm		Start Sailing 2 - Dinghy 2/5

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