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PRESIDENTS REPORT

The year has been one of the busiest I've experienced for the YV Board and I thank the Board for its diligence and work effort. In many respects it is difficult to think that I have only been in this role for 12 months as it seems the Board has been involved with many significant matters throughout that time.

The ongoing involvement with the One Sailing (previously One Management) program has required considerable effort from the entire Board and will continue to do so during the next 12 months as the implementation plans are established, reviewed and tested. The prospect of the national advantages for the sport from a streamlined management system has been recognised by all Member Yachting Associations agreeing to progress with the development of an implementation program including a business case over the next 12 months. YV will continue to work closely with Yachting Australia to ensure the benefits can be realised while retaining the service standards to its member clubs.

In the AGM last year, it was foreshadowed that the Membership Category system used to establish the member club fees would be reviewed. The first such review for 10 years. The outcome of this review was approved at March Half-Year meeting. I would like to take this opportunity of thanking all the member clubs for being so forthcoming with their information and for engaging in frank and open discussions during the process.

The changes to the number of Categories however did have some unexpected impact on voting entitlements, with proposals being presented tonight for consideration that will revert the voting entitlements to much as they were prior to the change.

This year saw the finalisation of two significant resources for the use of clubs and officials. The Infrastructure Toolkit and Inclusive Club Standard. It is hoped these tools will provide significant assistance to member clubs when either embarking on development plans or seeking to make their club a more attractive opportunity for potential members restricted by mobility or opportunity. The development of these tools has been achieved through working with a number of key stakeholders.

This year has also seen several Member Clubs hosting significant international sailing events that contribute not only to the diversity and appeal of the sport but also bring economic benefits to the community around them and the state at large. Notable among these included:

Sorrento for Moth Worlds, Royal Geelong for I14 Worlds as part of the Festival of Sails, Ten Partner clubs, including the host club Sandringham for ISAF Sailing World Cup, McCrae for B14 Worlds and Black Rock for the OK Dinghy.

The committees and volunteers in these clubs, as well as for the ISAF SWC should be commended for their efforts in making them all a resounding success.

YV has continued to foster the development of new regattas most notably under the banner of Women and Girls in Sailing, with the inaugural Sarah Blanck regatta held at Westernport Yacht Club last year (soon to be repeated in November) and the creation of the Krystal Weir Girls School Sailing series. The funding to support these initiatives has been provided partly by VicHealth as part of the overall Women and Girls in Sailing program.

In closing, I would like to thank all the volunteers who contribute time and energy to the many YV committees that ultimately lead to the success for our community to enjoy. I also thank all those member club committees and volunteers that devote their time for the benefit of their club. A special thanks is reserved for our outgoing Board member Marg Douglas for her contribution.

Finally, I thank the staff of YV, led so capably by Steve Walker, for their dedication and efforts during the year.

Ian Cunningham

President

CEO's Report

First of all, thank you to everyone that has made a contribution toward the betterment of sailing, in Victoria, during the 2014/15 period.

This starts with the Board, who have provided a stable and strong base for our decision making and strategic direction, and the pursuit of our goals. The President Ian Cunningham has led the way and at the same time provided me with greatly appreciated encouragement and support. Cherry Birch as Treasurer, likewise, has played a huge role in steering the finances during a challenging period, including the 10-year Membership Category and Fee Review. It has been great to work with Ian, Cherry and the Board.

Thanks also to Board Member Marg Douglas who retires from the Board at this AGM following three valuable years as a Board member focussed on participation, club development, Tackers and training.

The Board also leads a group of approximately 100 volunteer committee members across 12 committees. I'd like to thank each of these committee members, and their Chairs in particular, for the great work they do and for the support they provide YV in pursuit of our strategic priorities. Generally speaking, whatever work they do, it all comes back to participation and helping provide sailing opportunities for either current or new sailors.

Continuing the theme of volunteers I'd like to recognise the engagement we've had with the many leaders and decision makers at club level, again, in pursuit of our strategic priorities around Discover Sailing, Tackers, participation, membership, retention, regatta management, inclusion, junior development and facility planning. Thank you to all commodores and other club officials.

We've had another successful year in terms of participation and membership growth. This is underpinned by a further 4% membership increase. We've also seen increases in course enrolments, race official qualifications, regatta entries, Tackers and the ISAF Sailing World Cup - Melbourne event.

In terms of the ISAF Sailing World Cup I'm delighted that our fanciful target of 1,000 sailing participants by 2017, as set in 2013, is not far from a reality. Thanks to Mark Turnbull and Jav Greaves at New Tack, and the many YV staff and volunteers involved, the 900 mark was reached in December 2014, a figure well ahead of the plan. I'd like to thank Sandringham Yacht Club for their fantastic support of this event over many years. The 2015 move to St Kilda is ambitious and is based on our desire, which is shared by ISAF, YA and the state government, to bring this great event to a more public and visible location.

Club Marine, Gill, OTB Marine, William Angliss Institute, Mercedes and Flexitank have continued to be great sponsors and partners during 14/15. We are very grateful to them, as well as to the State Government and VicHealth for their ongoing support. We also enjoyed great relations during 14/15 with VicSport, Parks Vic, the VIS and the Vic Olympic Committee. Thank you to each of them. Further, we welcomed Matt Carroll as YA CEO during 14/15 and look forward to working with him and the YA team as One Sailing takes further shape in 15/16.

The OTB Marine YV Awards night was a great success during June and I'd like to congratulate all award nominees and recipients. In particular our sailors of the year Tess Lloyd, Peter Hackett and Chris Dance, plus our Club of the Year Sorrento Sailing Couta Boat Club. Two further highlights were the launches of the Inclusive Club Standard, as well as the Facilities and Infrastructure Toolkit. These were both state government supported initiatives that have great potential to help clubs and benefit sailing. We hope to build on these important tools during 15/16.

Before signing off I'd like to recognise and thank my colleagues in the YV office. We have a great team of highly dedicated professionals who love sailing and want to see it prosper. Everyone in the team goes above and beyond the 'call of duty' to support the clubs and provide opportunities for sailors, new and old. Thank you very much to each of them.

Steve Walker

CEO

Treasurer's Report

Introduction

As you will have seen from the previous reports, we have made good progress in the year against our Strategic Plan, however we have experienced some financial challenges, detailed below and this resulted in a deficit in the vicinity of $50k for the 12 months against a budgeted surplus of $8k.

The main contributing factors were lower than forecasted income figures for both the Boatshed and The Mobile Boatshed, a Tackers Bonus of $28.5k promised by Yachting Australia which did not materialise and a $30k increase in annual leave due to holiday leave not being taken.

Net assets shown on the Balance Sheet were obviously negatively impacted by the deficit and the closing cash balances were further impacted by prepayments associated with the ISAF Sailing World Cup of almost $50k. With the change of venue for the SWC to St Kilda there were a number of advance payments which were required this year. Obviously this is timing related and whilst the net assets and cash may be lower than last year, the Balance Sheet reflects a strong closing position. Our cash flow is monitored closely each month and we continue to ensure that YV has adequate resources to withstand unexpected events which may occur.

I would particularly like to thank all our clubs for their help with our Membership and Category Review - a review of club member fees. For 88 out of 91 clubs to provide us with the requested data was outstanding and a significant improvement on the response rate when a review was last conducted in 2005. As I shared at our March meeting, the main objective of this much overdue review was to allocate the member club fees on an equitable basis and of course over the 10 years since this system of determining fees was introduced, some clubs have grown far more rapidly than others.

In common with many Not for Profit organisations, YV has a number of income streams which are not entirely predictable and so needs to continually flex its resourcing. I would commend our CEO, Steve Walker and his staff who all work tirelessly to deliver our services to clubs throughout the year – responding to each change and challenge!

Profit and Loss Account / Income Statement

As mentioned above both the Mobile Boatshed and the Boatshed had disappointing results for the year, particularly in view of both returning surpluses last year.

The Mobile Boatshed experienced a reduction in income ($42k negative variance from budget), due to losing a number of schools programs however pleasingly some of these programs were taken over by member clubs. When it was realised that this income could not be replaced, resourcing was cut and the resulting loss was limited to $4.5k. The unexpected downturn in revenue ($94k negative variance on budget), for the Boatshed came late in the year at the time of the manager's departure and too late for remedial steps to be taken to cut our costs to fully absorb this loss. It should be said that the departing Boatshed manager had provided confidence for his forecasting in previous months and had returned small surpluses for the previous 2 years, so this result was extremely disappointing. The budgets for both the Boatshed and the Mobile Boatshed for 2015/16 have been subjected to close scrutiny and will be closely monitored.

On a more positive note, the ISAF Sailing World Cup came in slightly ahead of budget. The move to St Kilda whilst very exciting and enabling us to have a much greater opportunity to showcase the best in our sport to the general public, also brings some uncertainties on the financial front. At the time of writing we have secured Channel 7 as broadcast partners for the event and hope to finalise sponsorship which will secure the financial stability and sustainability of the event for 2015 and the next 2 years.

In the area of Coaching, Club Marine's support resulted in a highly successful Coaching Regatta and this was in addition to ongoing support for our Victorian Sailing Team and class coaching support. Powerboat courses proved popular this year and whilst the YA Tackers Bonus of $28.5k did not materialise, the Training area was able to limit their deficit to $5k. The Access All Abilities grant through Sports and Recreation Victoria once more enabled our Sailability program to continue its full service delivery in this area and to grow by two programs.

Events and Competition activity saw notable growth in both School Teams Racing and the Port Philip Women's Championship Series, the latter in its third year and now well established.

2015/16 Budget

We are budgeting for a small surplus of approximately $10k with the following areas budgeted to make net contributions:

- Boatshed and Mobile Boatshed (combined) $18,000
- Events and Competition $24,000
- Training $16,000
- Administration $25,000

Areas which will continued to be cross subsidised are:

- Club Services $6,000
- Junior Development (Coaching) $48,000
- ISAF SWC $19,000

We intend to monitor the results closely in view of the areas of uncertainty for this next year and the changes which may take place as we progress with the One Sailing Program.

Ongoing Financial Priorities

- To deliver value and support to member clubs
- To maintain the financial strength of the organisation through achievement of the budgeted results.
- To further develop relations with current sponsors and additional funding sources

Reports attached

- Audited financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2015
- Comparison with prior year and budget by department

General Comments

I would like to thank Steve Walker and David Vickers for their assistance during the year in making my job easier and all the staff at Yachting Victoria for their enthusiasm and diligence.

I commend the 2015 Yachting Victoria Incorporated financial statements for your acceptance.

Cherry Birch F.C.A

Treasurer

Discover Sailing

The 2014/15 season saw further member clubs adopting the Discover Sailing principles in their entirety and embracing the cultural changes required to ensure their clubs continued growth and sustainability.

2014/15 saw 60 clubs officially register to run Discover Sailing Days, with a total of 74 official days and numerous other Discover Sailing themed days being hosted throughout the season. Over 4000 people registered at a participating club to experience the sport of sailing and the benefits of club membership. The days resulted in numerous new memberships (predominately family) and learn to sail enrolments across the range of programs.

These great outcomes were achieved through the dedication and hard work of club members and the implementation of some very simple but successful strategies;

- Hosting of multiple days and leveraging off local community events
- Manning of club stalls at community/school fairs
- Creation of a festival atmosphere through additional activities like "face painting"
- Structured promotional planning
- Signage and strong street presence
- Offer of a structured pathway to allow participants easy entry into sailing and club membership
- Followed up all registrations inviting participants back to the club for an additional Discover Sailing experience/program

2015/16 is shaping up to be even bigger and better for our sport. Yachting Victoria will again be working closely with all our member clubs to ensure further success is had by all through the successful delivery of Discover Sailing Days, Experiences and Programs.

Victorian Discover Sailing Days 2015/16:

- November 8
- January 10
- A date or dates that suit your club

Discover Sailing Centres

Being an accredited Discover Sailing centre (DSC) is a key component in a clubs ability to offer participants easy entry into sailing and club membership. The accredited Dinghy, Keel Boat, Power Boat and Windsurfing programs allow people new to the sport the opportunity to take another small step on their journey into the sport without the barriers of membership and boat ownership.

Victoria had 39 accredited DSCs in 2014/15 delivering a range of programs to local schools, community groups and families. These programs culminated in the participation figures below.

In the 2014/15 period, Yachting Victoria travelled to a number of regional areas to deliver power boat and instructor courses, upskilling volunteers and officials and enabling those clubs to further develop their program offerings.

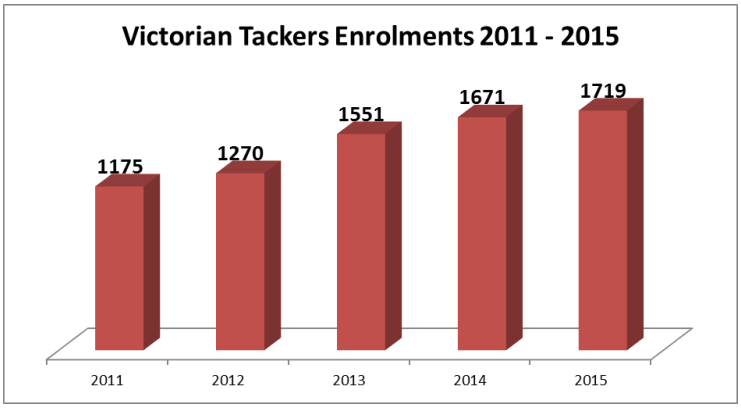
Total Discover Sailing Centres	**39**
Dinghy Program	1650
Keelboat Program	217
Powerboat Program	336
Tackers	1719
Sub-Total	**3922**
Assistant Instructor	67
Instructor	61
Club Coach	14
Sub-Total	**142**
TOTAL TRAINING	**4064**

Tackers

2014/15 saw the continued development of the Tackers brand in Victoria, with the introduction of another three new centres in Rye Yacht Club, Mt Martha Yacht Club and Altona Yacht Club. In the current off season we have had another two new centres become accredited: Sorrento Sailing Couta Boat Club and Williamstown Sailing Club (taking the number of accredited Tackers centres to 23). The continued development of packaged templates and strategies for improved engagement with parents and schools saw a 4% increase in Tackers enrolments across the state. This growth is a testament to the dedication and enthusiasm of our 23 Tackers leaders and their drive to grow the brand in Victoria.

The Mobile Boatshed once again took the Tackers brand on the road across the state in 2014, running successful programs in Flinders, Point Leo, Cowes, Beaumaris, Horsham and Anglesea. The upcoming 2015/16 season will see Stawell Yacht Club and Warrnambool Sailing Club added to the list of regional clubs engaging with this great program.

Yachting Victoria is committed to further developing the Tackers brand in the Victorian community and through this making sailing more accessible and appealing to family decision makers, schools and community organisations. As a consequence Yachting Victoria is working with Yachting Australia and the Australian Sports Commission to assist clubs and schools in coming together in a fully funded program called "Sporting Schools". This program (an evolution of the Active After Schools initiative) is currently being trialled by four clubs in Victoria in Term four, with the aim of all Tackers centres being engaged in the coming year!



School Sailing

2014 – 15 was an incredibly exciting year for School Sailing in Victoria. This format of our sport saw a 40% growth in participation across the four main programs being School Team Sailing, School Sprint Sailing, the "Krystal" Girl's School Sailing series and the two Junior Team Sailing carnivals.

Special thanks must go to our major sponsor "William Angliss Institute" whose generous support continues to enable a high class and professional program to be delivered to Victorian schools. Further thanks must also go out to the volunteers from our committee and those who work tirelessly at the host clubs.

Over the 2014-15 season we had over 28 teams compete on Saturdays and Wednesdays at a number of host clubs across Victoria. The increased demand saw a new division two regatta set up on Thursday evenings out of Royal Brighton Yacht Club which in turn brought about the creation of two new trophies designed for Division two teams. These are the Helen Middleton Trophy and the perpetual trophy for the winning Division Two team at the Victorian State Championships.

This season saw the Bill Bell Victorian State Sprint Sailing Championships sailed at Albert Park Lake as part of the Australian Grand Prix weekend. With ten teams competing from non-traditional sailing schools (Albury Wodonga, Dromana, Lilydale) it proved to be a great regatta for introducing new students and schools to the sport of sailing. After some very competitive sailing Dromana Secondary College came away with the converted trophy.

These regattas all culminated in the William Angliss Institute Resort Management Victorian School Team Sailing Championship kindly hosted by the Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron. The regatta was eventually won by St Michaels after some very hard fought racing.

Winners of the trophies on offer were;

- State Champions - St Michaels
- John Middleton Trophy - St Michaels
- Helen Middleton Trophy - St Leonards
- Division Two Champions - St Leonards
- First GSV School - Toorak College
- First SSV School - McKinnon Secondary School
- First AGS School - The Peninsula School
- First APS School - Haileybury
- "Krystal" Girl's School Series - St Michaels

This year's National School Team Racing regatta was held in Brisbane with Victoria being represented by St Leonards, St Michaels and The Peninsula School. While all schools performed extremely well, this regatta saw St Leonards finish an impressive 6th after being knocked out in the semi-finals. This is the equal best finish by any Victorian school and the best in the last decade.

2014 also saw the Albert Park Yacht Club host the first Open Victorian State Championships which were won by Danger Zone with members as young as 10 playing a crucial role.

OTB Marine Victorian Sailing Cup

The OTB Marine Victorian Sailing Cup is Yachting Victoria's series for Junior and Youth classes. This series is based on the same concept as the ISAF Sailing World Cup but specifically for junior and youth sailors, to build fleet racing experience.

Yachting Victoria would like to thank our major partner OTB Marine for their ongoing support and host clubs during the 2014/15 season. For a full list of winners please visit the Yachting Victoria website.

The up and coming season 2015/16 can be found on the Yachting Victoria website under Calendar and Events.

The Overall winners for 2014/15

Optimist	1st Place Nicholas Joel
Minnow	1st Place Hamish Bolton
Int Cadet	1st Place Dominic Randall and Ella Purnell
420	1st Place Nicholas Sharman and James Grogan
Laser 4.7	1st Place Jack Lewis
Laser Radial	1st Place Rhett Gowans
29er	1st Place Thomas alexander and Olivia Neilson
Viper/Hobie 16	Tayla and Harrison Rietman

Regatta's	VSC 2014-15 (Boats)	Event Total participation (Boats)
Sail Sandy	131	207
Sail Country Inc. Victorian Dinghy Championships	53	130
Victorian Catamaran Championships	2	60
Lipton Cup (Junior Participation)	16	71 (OTB)
Go For Gold	45	122
ISAF Sailing World Cup - Melbourne	109	329 (Invited) 305 (Olympic)
Class Victorian State Championships	291	398
Club Marine 2015 Victorian Youth and Junior Regatta	170	207

Club Marine Series

The Club Marine Series is supported by five clubs around the bay, who either host one or more races throughout the series. Our five clubs are Royal Yacht Club of Victoria, Hobsons Bay Yacht Club, Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron, Royal Brighton Yacht Club and Sandringham Yacht Club.

This year the Club Marine Series attracted 132 boats involved over 1000 racing crew and volunteer. The regatta had five divisions and within each division there were three categories, AMS, IRC and PHS except for blue division which has no rating.

Presentation was held after the last race of the series at Royal Brighton Yacht Club for all sailors to celebrate the winners of the series. Thanks to all clubs and volunteers involved in the regatta and Club Marine for the support they provide to this series. For further details on the Club Marine Series go to www.clubmarineseries.com.au

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VIC Sailing Team (VST)

The VIC Sailing Team provides junior and youth athletes the opportunity to realise their full potential and gain access to a number of resources. This year a strong team of thirty eight (38) make up the VIC Sailing Team. The VIC Sailing Team program invites VST athletes to attend three coaching clinics during the season and work with High Performance Coaches, VIS Coach and VIS/AST Physio plus hear from a number of guest speakers. During our coaching clinics each class receives a different activity to cater for their needs.

This year a new initiative to underpin the VST, has been implement by the Yachting Victoria, Coaching Committee and Victorian Institute of Sport (VIS). The new structure kicked off mid-May before the QLD Youth Week. To be a part of the VST Invitational is a discretionary invite by Johnny Rodgers the VIS Coach.

Special thanks goes to our partner Gill Australia, VIS and Sorrento Sailing Couta Boat Club.

The 2014 VIS Squad

Australian Sailing Team

- *Elise Rechichi – 470 W*
- *Sarah Cook – 470 W*

Australian Sailing Squad

- *Oliver Tweddell – Finn*
- *Will Phillips – 49er*
- *Eliza Solly – 49erFX*
- *Sam Phillips – 49er*
- *Tess Lloyd – 49erFX*
- *Jeremy O'Connell – Laser*
- *Jacqueline Gurr – 470 W*
- *Tim Hannah – 470 M*

Australian Sailing Squad – Youth Bridging

- *Anna Philip – Laser Radial*
- *Tom Vincent – Laser*
- *James Wierzbowski – Nacra 17*
- *Pip Pietromonaco – Nacra 17*

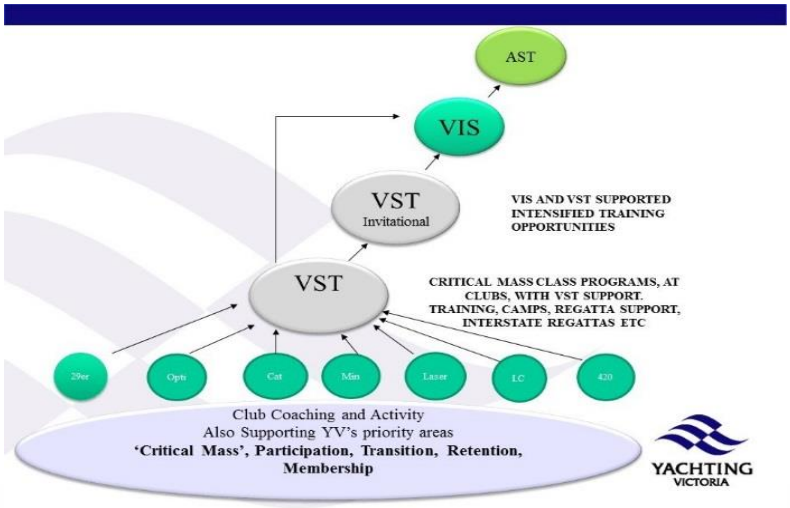
Other VIS Members

- *Will Llewelyn – 470 M*
- *Tom Klemens – 470 M*
- *James Sly – 49er*
- *Andrew Gillies – 49er*
- *Michelle Bursa – Hobie 16*
- *Chelsea Haynes – Hobie 16*

Training Agreement

- *George Davies – 49er*
- *Jack Lloyd – 49er*

VST Members for 2014/ 2015	
Minnow	Hamish Bolton, Corey Riley, Anna O'Brien, James Hackett
Int Cadet	Louis Schofield, Peter Allen, Dominic Randall, Ella Purnell, Alanna Field, Thomas Alexander, Olivia Nielson
Optimist	Nick Joel, Lachlan Evenden, Harrison Sly, Michael Parks, Steven Case, Jess Harper, Hugo Llewelyn, Campbell Rickard
Laser Radial	Rhett Gowans, Alex Jurovic, Jack Graves, William Fox
Laser 4.7	Brody Riley, Tyrone Gowans, Lachlan Dare, Hamish Fleetwood, Jack Lewis
29er	Nicola Armstrong, Liam Robinson, Hayden Brown, Mackenzie Bird, Josh Galland, Leroy Addison
420	Josh Copeland, Jasper Pluim, Nick Sharman, James Grogan, Stan Austin, Kristian Tipovsky, Charlie Dixon, Ciarra Leonard, Laura Harding, Hayden Harding
Hobie 16	Harrison Rietman, Tayla Rietman



OTB Marine Yachting Victoria Awards Night

The OTB Marine Yachting Victoria Awards Night was held on the 19th of June at Sandringham Yacht Club with Rob Hartnett as the MC for the evening. The OTB Marine Yachting Victoria Awards showcases the winners from various sailing regattas throughout the 2014/15 Sailing Season. The event was attended by just over 330 people who witnessed the major winners on the night.

Yacht Club of the Year	Sorrento Sailing Couta Boat Club
Male Sailor of the Year	Peter Hackett and Chris Dance
Female Sailor of the Year	Tess Lloyd
Youth Sailor of the Year	Thomas Alexander
Junior Sailor of the Year	Jack Challands
Keelboat Sailor of the Year	David Suda
Sailor of the Year with a Disability	Stewart Cathie
Race Official of the Year	Geoff Eldridge
Instructor of the Year	Riccardo Deghi
Coaching Program of the Year	Victorian Laser Association
Contribution to Junior and Youth Sailing	Royal Brighton Yacht Club
Discover Sailing Program of the Year	Somers Yacht Club
Discover Sailing Centre of the Year	Rye Yacht Club
YV Media and Publicity Award	Mary-Anne Scully
Services to Yachting Award	Paul Pascoe, Peter Taylor Dennis Livingston and Geoff Eldridge

Many thanks to our selection panel Alistair Murray, Paul Pascoe, Mark McLellan, Callum Burns, and David Staley. For the full list of winners please go to yachtingvictoria.com.au

Boatshed and Mobile Boatshed

Once again the season started off with a very wet, windy and cold holiday program back in September 2014. The Boatshed (BS) battled with inclement weather for two weeks but still managed to run a successful program for over 60 young Tackers. Term 4 continued its growth from the previous year with a number of schools and Sailability programs starting for the first time.

Term 4 finished with a hugely successful December Tackers program of over 80 participants. This success led into the mobile programs in Flinders, Cowes, Point Leo, Beaumaris, Horsham, Gippsland Lakes and Anglesea. Gippsland Lakes was a new addition to the summer's mobile holiday programs; the enthusiasm of the club combined with the beautiful waters off Paynesville ensured the program was fully subscribed with 100% conversion into ongoing club programs.

Through a joint venture with Play it Safe by the Water over 200 participants from CALD community groups were exposed to sailing for the first time.

With the MBS completed, the boats returned to Albert Park to get ready for the start of Term 1. Close to 25 schools were booked in for School Teams Sailing Training, Primary School Tackers, Secondary School Start Sailing Programs and Sailability lessons.

- 13066 visitors through the Boatshed
- 530 Tackers participants plus 33 Intros
- 100% of participants provided a pathway to their local club
- 260 primary school participants
- 450 Secondary School Participants
- 900 School Team Training Visits
- 40 schools
- 95 group team building participants
- 60 Sailability visits per week

The Mobile unit consisting of 6 pacers ran by Ian Wall put through 2290 children from all over Victoria. Ian met schools and community groups in Warrnambool, Apollo Bay, Bendigo, Shepparton, Warringa Basin, Gippsland Lakes, Lake Hume, Horsham, Yarrawonga and Westernport to name a few.

Inclusive Club Standard

Throughout 2014 yacht clubs within Victoria were asked to address some crucial questions regarding the state of their club -

- What does being inclusive mean?
- Are we truly inclusive?
- Is inclusion a standing item on our Committee agenda?
- How do we monitor our inclusiveness?

The Inclusive Club Standard was introduced in 2014 and currently there are 26 clubs that have adopted it. Yachting Victoria are committed to supporting inclusion through our clubs who have adopted the Inclusive Club Standard. The document, and the associated process, is an important initiative for Yachting Victoria in helping clubs encourage and support the inclusion of people with diverse backgrounds and capabilities in sailing. Creating more inclusive clubs has numerous benefits, and we thank all club for challenging your culture to assess and planning with respect to inclusion.

Facilities and Infrastructure Toolkit

Following an exhaustive development process during 14/15, the 'Toolkit' is now located on the YV website, for use by the 91 member clubs and YV itself.

With thanks to the State Government, the project was commissioned in late 2013 and brought to fruition during 14/15. Both Leisure Corp (Scott Eccleston) and Ainley Projects (Belinda Ainley) facilitated the project, which also included a full review of current sailing facilities as well as future facility needs across the state. We are extremely grateful for these groups as well as to all participating clubs who took part in the interview and/or survey processes.

As well as the body of information in relation to facility needs, the work explored areas where population currently exceeds sailing facilities. Also explored was the need for a state sailing 'head-quarters' and some of the possible locations for such a facility. Very importantly, the 'Toolkit' itself now resides on the YV website, for use by clubs, whenever embarking on a facility and/or infrastructure project. The 'Toolkit' provides a step by step guide, as well as templates, links, advice and case studies, in an attempt to somewhat simplify what has proven to be a very challenging task for many clubs in the past.

YV hopes that our clubs start to utilise and benefit from this important piece of 14/15 work and our facility projects and more streamlined and successful.

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ISAF Sailing World Cup – Melbourne

The 2014 ISAF Sailing World Cup (including the Invited Classes Regatta) took significant steps forward across the board from improvements made in 2013. The focus for 2014 remained on building and strengthening participant numbers to build strength to the core attributes of the event. To this end it was an outstanding success with a 22% growth on the previous year.

The size of the Event (1257 participants) stretched the current facilities at SYC and this combined with the future strategic direction of the Event confirmed the planned move to St Kilda was required. This decision was made / confirmed in early 2015 with the securing of a 2 year extension to the ISAF hosting agreement (conditional on the new location) and the securing of the support of the major stakeholders.

The 2014 Event was the third year of the current four year agreement for the delivery of the ISAF Sailing World Cup with ISAF & Sport and Recreation Victoria. Operationally, after the significant personnel changes in 2013, 2014 was a year of consolidation and improvement of the model to enable the Event to be transferrable in regards to locations. New Tack Events delivered the second year of the current three year agreement under the lead the Event Director, Mark Turnbull (previous Chair and committee member of the Event).

The 2014 Event was widely acclaimed as a resounding success and a further improvement across the board from 2013 and consolidated on structural changes implemented in 2013. With these structural changes in place the Event is now well positioned to look forward to growing and strengthening this already successful Event, with a change in venue and format. The 2014 Event returned a small surplus to Yachting Victoria which will now be invested in the 2015 Event. Although there were many great achievements at this year's Event the highlights were (all detailed further in this report);

Increased competitor participation

	2012	2013	2014	% diff 2013-2014	% diff 2012-2014
Total participants		**937**	**1257**	**+34%**	
ISAF SWC participants	144	171	**249**	**+46%**	**+73%**
Invited classes participants	239	456	**651**	**+43%**	**+172%**
Coaches		59	**67**	**+14%**	
ISAF IRO Seminar delegates			**20**	**-**	
Volunteers / Staff		245	**270**	**+10%**	
Countries		**28**	**40**	**+43%**	

Continued growth of distributed model of Race Management (introduced in 2013)

For 2014 the Event contracted directly with 10 "Partner Clubs" to deliver the Regatta at SYC "Host Venue." This model is well received and spreads the knowledge, experience and benefits widely through the Victorian Sailing Community as well as getting more clubs and their members to engage with the Event.

Continued focus of the Event on the participants

Discover Sailing

The focus for all activities was again concentrated on rebuilding the core aspects of the Event. Ensuring that it remains as the "Sailors Regatta" to strengthen this core and then support this by building a surrounding / supporting schedule of activities, events and hospitality. This was well received by both sailors and corporates as we could clearly focus events on each audience.

Increased local media

Through working closely with the Event's contracted Public Relations supplier (Springboard Media) the Event was able to attract and build upon previous local media (non-sailing). This included three separate television network breakfast weather crosses.

Future focus

Much of what was planned for 2014 was put in place to assist in securing the future of the Event, both with negotiations on a further extension of the Hosting Agreement with ISAF, as well as the move to a public venue for 2015 and beyond.

2015 and Beyond

Planning is well underway for the 2015 Event with its new home at the St Kilda Sailing Precinct. This move is no small task with all aspect of the event required to be elevated significantly now in the public domain. However the opportunities that this new future presents to the Event as well as sailing in Victoria is massive in exposing the sport to the non-sailing public.

Alongside the dramatic changes being made to the event at a local level for December 2015, ISAF have implemented significant change to the structure / format of the series. This strong vision is a positive move to further strengthen and elevate the ISAF Sailing World Cup with the new format being 40 Boats per class with invitations sent to the top 30 in the world rankings with the remaining selected through regional qualifying selections. Also the number of days is reduced to four days of qualifying followed by one Medal Race day (Sunday). Other initiatives such as a global logistic / shipping solution, significant prize money and increased video production are all supported by Melbourne.

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Keelboat Committee

Highlights

The highlights for the 2014/15 year for the keelboat committee have been:

- Introducing new members to the Keelboat Committee.
- Overseeing the running of one of Victoria's best supported sailing events – the Club Marine Series.

Challenges

An example, or some examples, of the challenges we have overcome have been the challenges to find sufficient crew to get all of our keelboats onto the start line. Each of the Clubs have strategies to recruit and retain members.

Looking Ahead

Heading into 2015/16 we aspire to:

- Continue to deliver value to the competitors and sponsor of the Club Marine Series.
- Continue to offer our members a co-ordinated program offering the type of events that are aspired to.

Alignment

Our work has aligned to YV's overall participation and club support focus through representing Victorian keelboat sailors interests at Yachting Victoria and Yachting Australia and take information from the sports peak bodies back to our Clubs.

The Keelboat Committee acts as a source of information exchange between the keelboat Clubs in areas such as:

- Promoting and encouraging participation.
- To share ideas on training and co-ordinate our programs.
- Promoting each other's key events.
- Provide advice to event organisers.
- Act as Organising Authority for the Club Marine Series.
- Provide a group where Club Captains can share ideas and problems.

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Thanks

The Keelboat Committee would like to acknowledge the efforts of each of the Club Captain's in promoting the sport at their Clubs and also Steve Walker and the Staff at YV for their ongoing support.

David Ellis

Keelboat Chair

Sailability Committee

Alignment

The YV Sailability Committee is now in the process of developing its 2015-2016 Operational Plan. This plan is reviewed regularly by the Sailability Victoria Committee to ensure it remains in line with Yachting Victoria's Strategic Objectives.
The majority of actions identified in the Operation Plan are on track although the lack of a dedicated coordinator on staff at Yachting Victoria over the past months has delayed progress on a significant number of tasks.

Highlights

- Mordialloc Sailing Club have established a new Sailability program using the club's Pacer fleet and initially focused on a Special Developmental Schools.
- Implementation of the Inclusive Club Standard has progressed well since its launch in late 2014. While the target was 22 clubs in the first year, 26 clubs have so far formally adopted the ICS. A session on Inclusive Clubs was presented at the 2015 Club Conference.
- Sailability is providing some support to RYCV who are conducting the 2015 ISAF Disabled Sailing World Championships and to Docklands Yacht Club who are conducting the Inaugural INAS International Sailing Championships for sailors with intellectual disabilities.
- 'Everyone Discover Sailing' components are being integrated within all Instructor and Coach training.
- A number of programs are undergoing structural change as a result of the AMSA legislation introduced in 2013. Sailability Bendigo will operate as part of the Bendigo Yacht Club while enjoying continued support and involvement of Cairn Curran Sailing Club. Sailability North in Broadmeadows will operate as a satellite program of Docklands Yacht Club. Sailability Shepparton is in the process of affiliating as a member club of Yachting Victoria.

Challenges

The provision of useful participation data relies heavily upon volunteers preparing quarterly reports and this is a continuing challenge for many programs. Through the National Sailability Committee, it has been requested that the SIMS system be refined to simplify data collection although this does not seem to have progressed. In the meantime, programs are encouraged to provide the quarterly reports requested via email and means of simplifying the process of recording the data are being investigated.
There has been slow progress on fundraising and grant application activities. Efforts are continuing within the abilities of the Committee. The Sailability Victoria website is regularly updated, however the Facebook page needs to be re-activated.

Looking Ahead

- Support for the new program being established at Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron
- Delivery of "Everyone Discover Sailing" module to Clubs and Discover Sailing Principals
- Ensuring AAA Funding will be available post 2015
- Promote the ongoing adoption of the Inclusive Club Standard and support clubs
- Development of Operational Guidelines for Sailability Programs (delayed)
- Secure funding and undertake works for the refurbishment of the Sailability Mobile Unit

Thanks

The resignation of Sarah Ogilvie and delay in filling the position has had a significant impact, however the Committee is very pleased to have the support of Sam Watson as Yachting Victoria Inclusion Manager. We hope that Sam will be able to assist with progressing a number of tasks including the development of operational guidelines for programs. Yachting Victoria staff continue to be highly supportive of Sailability Victoria initiatives and there is an excellent understanding of the mainstream inclusion aspirations of the committee.

David Staley

Sailibility Chair

Women and Girls in Sailing Committee

Highlights

The establishment of the WGIS Club Representatives (CR) role in 2013 has provided a vital direct link for communication and feedback between the WGIS Committee and clubs and a 'go to' person at clubs for supporting new sailors. With 40% of Victorian clubs (37 clubs) having nominated WGIS CRs there has been development of many new activities related to Discover Sailing, training, female helm racing events, social sailing and other social activities targeted towards both existing female sailors and current non-sailors. Some of these activities have been presented by WGIS CRs at the YV Club Conference with excellent feedback.

There is also a need to engage Associations with nominating CRs, to enable co-operation between clubs and associations in developing, growing and staging successful sustainable interclub events.

As a bonus, this will give clubs and associations the opportunity to demonstrate their commitment to the 'Inclusive Club Standard - Creating Environments to Encourage and Support Inclusion in Sailing' by engaging more females in their activities and attracting families and friends.

The greatest visible success of the WGIS committee around clubs has been the development of new events to create more opportunities for female sailors to participate and grow their skills in larger more competitive fleets.

Keelboats - Racing

YV - Port Phillip Women's Championship Series (PPWCS)

The first WGIS event, PPWCS established in 2013, combined the existing Lady Skippers Races from the five keelboat clubs at the top of Port Phillip into one series, based on the successful Club Marine Series model. Over the three years, participation has grown with 54 boats (2013), 43 boats (2014) and 48 boats (2015) but with the majority of crews now being greater than 50% female in the 2015 event, despite the only mandate being for a female helm.

A Teams Trophy was also established 2015 to stimulate 'club spirit' to recruit more boat owners and female sailors to join the event and positively promote their club as female friendly.

The trophy rewards the club with the greatest level of female participation based on a formula which accounts for the number of boats participating as a percentage of their club's keelboat register, crews with greater than 50% female and bonus points for helms under the age of 25years or over 60years. RMYS took out the honours, a fitting tribute to the club on Port Phillip which has led the way for twenty five years with the Australian Women's Keelboat Regatta.

For 2016, a new Non-spinnaker division will be added to the existing AMS, IRC and PHS divisions, targeted to attract the less experienced female helms to promote further engagement in women's sailing activities.

The involvement of the ORCV in leading off with the first race of the series in September 2015, will provide opportunities for their Beyond the Bay (BTB) trainees to meet up with experienced sailors which may encourage them into more racing on the bay.

RMYS - Australian Women's Keelboat Regatta (AWKR)

AWKR is included here as a comparative standard. It has been the pinnacle event for women's keelboat racing in Australia for the last twenty five years and in 2015, as an interdomininion event with representation from New Zealand.

The following graph demonstrates a significant increase in women's keelboat activities on Port Phillip since 2013 with the introduction of PPWCS (series entrants) and WSNR, with a concomitant progressive increase in AWKR entries to their best

year ever of 25 boats in 2015, following a decline around 2011-12.

WYC – Sarah Blanck Perpetual Trophy Coaching Regatta

In Nov 2014, Westernport clubs got behind WYC and provided female race management to support this new high level all female coaching event for female sailors. Numbers are limited due to the costs of employing coaches, but this did not deter several sailors from interstate who considered it too good an opportunity to miss. Victoria may be leading the way here.

Local Hero Award

The Local Hero award was established in 2013 to recognise individuals in clubs, male or female who work tirelessly to support, train, coach, mentor or inspire female sailors in the sport. This aims to highlight the different roles that volunteers can undertake in clubs, including 'non sailing' roles, that make a difference and also give them a sense of belonging and being valued within the club.

Peta Pietromonaco from Westernport Yacht Club and mother of an elite female sailor, took out the 2015 award for her role in establishing the very successful Sarah Blanck Perpetual Trophy Coaching Regatta.

Training

YV has subsidised females in courses to increase the number of qualified women available.

16 females completed Powerboat courses, 2 completed Instructor courses, 15 completed Assistant Instructor courses and 14 females completed Leadership training.

Challenges

Sponsorship and Marketing

Despite the existence of the 'WGIS brand' for three years, the lack of a major sponsor has significantly hampered the committee's efforts to increase brand awareness both around and beyond clubs across the state of Victoria.

There is an urgent need for a major sponsor to provide sufficient funds to enable the branding of clothing for all WGIS Committee members and CRs for visibility around clubs and events, along with provision of WGIS banners for promotion both on the beach and within the clubhouse and other venues.

WGIS across Victoria provides a very diverse female audience, from 'tackers' to 'grannies' in a green sport that can see participants remain active – physically, mentally and socially - for all of their lives. Our females are strongly aligned with families and with YV taking a proactive lead on Child Safe Standards and Member Protection, families will be attracted to a sport where all members can participate indefinitely across a wide range of activities in a safe environment.

We hope our diversity, longevity and activity will attract a sponsor with similar ideas.

Looking Ahead

With regard to YV strategic targets, the 2017 target for females in Leadership roles in clubs has already been eclipsed. The female club membership has slowly climbed to around 31% but still has a way to go to reach 40% of all club members.

The new YV focus on the 'Inclusive Club Standard' ensures there will still be a need to increase participation of females along with other culturally diverse groups, and the need for engaging currently inactive people and converting them to active participants in the sport.

Inclusion also requires the WGIS committee to become more interactive with YV staff and programs and become more integrated with other YV committees.

Thanks

Firstly, thank you to Yachting Victoria for establishing the WGIS Committee, supporting us through activities and events and recognising our achievements.

Thank you to all members of the WGIS Committee for their support, skills and enthusiasm over the last three years -

YV Board Members, initially Cherry Birch and this year, Deb Parker for their wisdom in keeping the committee strategically focussed throughout its existence.

Inclusion Manager Sam Watson has done a sterling job providing secretarial support to the committee and always delivered with a smile and a hand extended to help.

Retiring stalwarts from the original WISIG, Amanda Wakeham and Robyn Brooke for their wealth of

knowledge and contribution to the committee and the cause over the last decade.

Ongoing members Alisanne Green and Richard Brearley for their marketing and social media expertise and Sally Herbertson for stepping up to take on PPWCS and more recently QLDC event co-ordination roles.

We welcome our newer members who have joined us this year and brought youth, enthusiasm and further professional skills to our group - Sue Neales, Amanda Jacobs and Megan Aulich.

The committee is in excellent trim and ready to take on unfinished business and take WGIS to the next level.

To read the full review please click here.

Rosie Colahan

WGIS Chair (2013-15)

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Risk Management and Safety Committee

Highlights

- Reviewed and provided feedback on a number of proposed future changes to the current 2103-16 YA Special Regulations.
- Provided feedback to YA on several Safety Information Bulletins
- Provided leadership and support for the National Equipment Auditor Scheme.
- Provided input to the Coroner's Court regarding an off-shore drowning incident.
- Outlined to member clubs the procedures for determining the safety categories for keel boat events.
- Responsible for providing recommendations for changes to the Special Regulations (keel boats and OTB boats) to be published in 2016.
- Supported clubs on various safety-related aspects.

Challenges

- The committee covers a wide range of topics reflecting the diversity of club activities and finding committee members to adequately cover all those areas is challenging.

Looking Ahead

- Continuing to work with Yachting Australia with ongoing changes to the Special Regulations and Safety Information Bulletins
- Assisting clubs in drafting/implementing Risk Management Policies.
- The recent safety survey conducted by Yachting Australia revealed that there remain many areas where YV can better help clubs to increase their awareness of safety related issues and to develop policies and procedures that will help to make sailing even safer for members.

Alignment

- The Risk Management and Safety Committee's goal is to ensure that an excellent risk management framework are in place and effectively communicated to all member clubs and event organisers.

Thanks

- To the committee members and our collaborators at Yachting Australia

Ray Shaw

Risk Management & Safety Chair

Training

Highlights

The highlights for the 2014/15 year for the training committee have been the continued development of the training programs in association with YA. The improvement in courses and resources has been material in most of the programs. The growth in participation across nearly all of the programs has been rewarding. We continue to deliver annual instructor conferences in each of the programs as part of the commitment to maintaining effective communication with instructors and providing professional development and relevant updates to skills, resources and other developments throughout the year.

Challenges

An example of the challenges we have overcome has been a perceived lack of instructors and senior instructors within the programs. This has been addressed by a review of instructor currency, consolidation of the existing instructor database and a renewed effort to encourage lapsed instructors to reaccredit. We have also actively recruited new senior instructors. The result has been a more creditable assessment of the number of instructors and senior instructors, an increase in the actual number of instructors and senior instructors, and a very favourable comparison to the situation in other States.

Looking Ahead

Heading into 15/16 we aspire to consolidate the growth we have achieved, continue to develop and improve the programs in association with YA and increase the number of instructors and senior instructors gradually, in line with the growth in participation.

Alignment

Our work has aligned to YV's overall participation and club support focus as the growth in participation continues at the grass roots levels. We have strived to increase the capacity for DSC's to be able to provide higher quality sailing and boating experiences to the public through various activities.

Thanks

I would like to thank the committee members for their valuable input during the year:

Robin Hewitt

Sonya Fiddes

Ian Fox

Gavin Wall

Phil Beattie

Marg Douglas

We look forward to another productive year ahead.

Sean Hogan

Training Committee Chair

Performance Handicapping

Highlights

The 2014/2015 season for Performance Handicap Racing has again demonstrated its continuing popularity with keelboat sailors on Port Philip Bay.
There appears to be an increasing interest in pursuit racing which gives another dimension to the handicapper, as the elapsed time for the race has a significant influence on the result as well as the performance of the boats.
The 2015 Festival of Sail was again very popular with performance handicap skippers and crews. The YV Performance Handicap Committee provided the performance handicaps for this event and this was again the largest racing group in the Regatta.

Challenges

No notable challenges, we will continue to keep clubs and associations up to date with any advancements in performance handicapping

Looking Ahead

The Performance Handicap System has been reviewed during the winter break and no changes appear necessary.

Alignment

The active support from Club Handicappers continues to maintain an effective and popular handicapping system that provides the closest keelboat racing on the Port Philip Bay.

Thanks

I would like to thank the YV Performance handicap Committee for their support throughout the year.

Lowa Paszko (Vice Chair)	Sandringham Yacht Club
Ian Robertson	Hobsons Bay Yacht Club
Janet Dean	Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron
Peter Coleman	Royal Brighton Yacht Club
Greg Sinclair	Royal Geelong Yacht Club
Trevor Neate	Mornington Yacht Club
Trevor Casey	Blairgowrie Yacht Club
Peter Chalkley	Ocean Racing Club of Victoria

John Duffin

Performance Handicapping Chair

Trailable Yacht Division

Highlights

The highlights for the 2014/15 year for the Trailable Yacht Division committee have been to;

- Deliver a Discover Sailing Accredited Course for Trailable yacht sailors
- Promote the Traveller Series including ten events at venues across the State
- Conduct the 2014/15 Trailable State Championships at Gippsland Lakes Yacht Club
- Host a successful Season Opening Dinner and Discover Sailing day in Docklands
- Promote various cruising events across Australia
- Continue to improve our website and the introduction of a Facebook page
- Submissions for CBH ratings for new and reviews to NTYSBR committee.

The committee meet monthly at the YV Boatshed in Albert Park where various Trailable yacht associations and yacht clubs matters are considered. Members of the TYD committee also contribute on various YV sub-committees.

The Season Opening Dinner in October '14 resulted in many sailing to Docklands for the annual event. Pre Dinner refreshments were available dockside before the cohort of 90 people enjoyed a meal and the Bob Couper Memorial Quiz. The following day had many Trailable yacht associations contribute to the successful running of the Discover Sailing Day with approximately 70 visitors enjoying the Victorian Harbour waters, some, for the first time.

Many Trailable yacht owners attended the 2014/15 Trailable Yacht Championships, the second stop of the Traveller Series. The 2014/15 TYD Trailable Yacht Championships were hosted by Gippsland Lakes Yacht Club who ran a successful event comprising five races to determine the winner for the year. Various class associations also integrated their State Championships into the same event.

Along with the sailing events the Trailable yacht associations also continued many off- water activities.

The TYD website and calendar continues to be maintained with addition of the new Facebook page. Additionally, the Sailing Seminar Series were a great success with the winter Friday nights most represented. These presentations were held at Albert Park.

Challenges

We have found challenges incorporating the Trailable yacht training packages under the Discover Sailing banner.

The TYD continue to support new and modified Trailable yachts with CBH ratings but are challenged to measuring these boats without external support. These also need ratification by the National Trailable & Sports Boat Rule committee which can be an extensive and drawn out process for applicants.

Looking Ahead

Heading into the 2015/16 season we aspire to continue promoting participation in the Traveller Series events. We hope to promote these events through the local communities, affiliated clubs and associations aligned with the series. We also aim to promote the cruising activities that our fellow Trailable yacht associations have been undertaking, the lessons they've learnt and their feedback on the season's best travel destinations.

Plans are well underway for the coming season's events. The traveller season plans to kick off at Geelong Trailable Yacht Club with the 'Queenscliff to Geelong' event in October. Following that, the State Championships are planned to be held in March 2016. This event will be hosted by the Melbourne Trailable Yacht Club in conjunction with Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron.

Alignment

Our work has aligned to YV's overall participation and club support with involvement of YV sub-committees, a strong commitment to the discover sailing program for promotion of sailing through open days and training, promotion of women in sailing and overall participation. With particular mention of the inclusiveness through the increase to ten events in the 2014/15 traveller series

.*Thanks*

I would like to thank the TYD committee for their support:

- Des Russell
- Ron Parker
- Saxil Tuxen
- Paul Jenkins
- Ron Short
- Rob Milner
- Peter Shepard
- Andrew Mackenzie
- Phil Mannes
- Wayne Hill
- Barry Thompson
- Chris Bland
- Yachting Victoria
    - Ian Cunningham
    - Steve Walker
    - Chelsey Taylor

I would also like to extend thanks to Collin Forester and Mitch Bayliss for their support with the traveller series and the administration of personal handicaps for all participants and I would like to recognise the efforts of various associations and yacht clubs for their support to make the past year a success.

Mark McLellan

TYD Chairman

Race Officials

Highlights

The highlights for the 14/15 year for the Race Officials Committee have been;

- The substantial increase in the number of accredited race officials
- The successful delivery of numerous race official, judge and umpire seminars
- Provision of race rules seminars at the request of many clubs
- Assisting clubs run major events by providing technical services and assistance with the provision of experienced race officials
- Assistance to clubs in dealing with protests
- Provision of a dedicated ROC member to each Victorian club to assist and advise in the handling any race management or race rules issues

Challenges

- Continuing to identify and accredit race officials
- Communicating with accredited race officials and keeping them informed and up to date with current best practices
- Getting clubs to understand and accept the ROC advisory program

Looking Ahead

Heading into 15/16 we aspire to;

- Further develop the ROC/club liaison program
- Continuing to develop and improve our seminar presentations
- Continue to identify race officials and improve their accreditations in order to increase the standard of races being conducted

Alignment

Our work has aligned to YV's overall participation and club support focus through maintaining the continuity and quality of officials working in Victoria. This provides high quality racing to all, helping to increase participation all-round.

Thanks

I would like to thank all the members of this committee for the constant hard work they all put in in trying to improve the standard of the sport. I would also like to acknowledge the excellent support received from the YV staff

Bill Bell

Race Officials Chair

Coaching Committee

Highlights

The major outcomes from the Coaching Committee this year have included:

- Focus on critical mass, participation 70% and 30% High Performance.
- Building relationships with regular meetings with Coaching Coordinators from the Junior and Youth Pathway classes.
- Providing quality coaching at Club Marine and Springsail Coaching Clinics.
- High participation numbers at the Club Marine Victorian Junior and Youth Championships with over 170 boats and 210 competitors.
- A new structure added in between VST and VIS. The VST Invitational is to assist high performance athletes.
- Assisting Junior and Youth at Interstate Regattas.
- Transition Day for junior sailors to attend an information session on Youth Classes and try different youth boats.
- Vic Sailing Team – provide best possible support, encouragement and opportunities for aspirational Junior and Youth sailors in Victoria.
- Time on Water guide for junior sailors.
- Held our first Club Coaching Forum inviting all qualified YA Club Coaches. The groups recommended coming together every six months.
- VIS Pacer Cup is an opportunity for all VST athletes to meet, be guided by and to sail with seven VIS athletes.

Challenges

- Ongoing education with associations and clubs for coaches to have the correct qualifications when coaching sailors on the water.
- To make sure that during the next 12 months, our pathway class based coaching programs are meeting expectation.
- Reviewing and implementing the VST Selection Criteria document.
- Growth and retention in junior and youth sailing

Looking Ahead

- Increase of participation in junior and youth
- Continuing relationship building with class associations
- Continue high quality coaching at all YV events with interesting guest speakers at coaching clinics
- Aim to attract 200 boats to the Club Marine Victorian Junior and Youth Championships
- Increase number of qualified Club Coaches through new initiatives such as the VIODA/YV Club Coach Scholarship

Alignment

Each decision the coaching committee makes is aligned with the YV Strategic Plan. Our KPIs keep us on track to achieving increased participation in all YV coaching programs.

Thanks

As a state we are fortunate to have a strong Coaching Committee who bring valuable experiences along with an unquestionably passion for Sailing. Thanks also goes to past Chairman Callum Burns and committee member Dean Joel who both stepped down.

Tim Grogan

Coaching Chair

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