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Presidents Report

“When you have sailing on your mind, all of lifes other sailing just seems to be sailing like sailing into sailing sailing unless you’re sailing. You sailing know what I sailing mean don’t sailing you?”

Are you getting sailing withdrawal symptoms? Can’t wait to get back out on the water? Don’t know what to do with yourself on a Friday and Sunday afternoon? Well hang in there ... it’s almost time to get Nauti again!

The 2014-15 sailing season was an extremely busy, enjoyable and successful one for the club, and this was reflected in the great roll-up and good times had by all at both the dinghy and yacht presentation nights held in May. These were both fantastic evenings to socialise and celebrate the achievements (or lack there of for some of us) over the past season, with many thousands of dollars worth of prizes taken home by the lucky recipients. A big thank you must go to all of our generous sponsors from last season whose generosity made these prizes possible, and we would ask all members to patronise these businesses that support our club where possible. Congratulations again go to all of the prize winners and award recipients, but also to everyone who got out on the water to participate. A summary of prize recipients appears over the page and there are some very hard earned and popular winners on the list.

It was also particularly pleasing to see such a great roll-up at the Dinghy Presentation from our ever growing tribe of Learn to Sail and Learn to Race kids (young and not so young), with these programs going from strength to strength over recent seasons. This hasn’t been by accident, and is only due to the hard work of a small team of very dedicated instructors and volunteers who week in and week out deliver on our promise of Learn, Safe, Fun. As a reward for their awesome effort last season, all Learn to Sail and Race participants from last season will head off with their instructors for a day on Sydney harbour to watch the 18 foot skiffs racing at the start of next season. The new season programs will launch in October, with a healthy registration and waiting list currently being sorted through to enable class planning to be finalised. Stay tuned for further details.

The shortest day of the year is now behind us and the countdown to the start of the new season has officially begun (just ask Brownie on Lucky Numbers how many sleeps to go he runs a counter on his phone!). Preliminary planning is well under way with the draft sailing program set and ready for review at the upcoming AGM. At a recent committee meeting many planning issues for next season were discussed, including the two major championship regatta’s that we will be hosting. These are the A-Class Catamaran Australian Titles in January 2016 that will attract a red hot fleet of around 70 boats which is likely to include several current America’s cup sailors, as well as the Optimist (Opti) NSW State titles in March 2016 with a fleet of around 200 boats full of potential future America’s cup sailors expected to participate. These two high profile events provide a huge opportunity to showcase SLMASC and Lake Macquarie to many visitors to the area, and they will be vital fund raisers for the club this season. Due to the significant organisation that these events will require, we have appointed Coordinators for each regatta this season and in due course we will be calling for volunteers to assist on a roster basis with various aspects of these events. Please lend a hand if you can. You are guaranteed to see some great sailing action and it will be a lot of fun.

Another significant project 'on the go' at present is the re-racking of much of the storage area beneath the club due to significantly growing demand to store more boats (and of different types) at the club. To enable this development project to be completed in the off season we have asked all members with boats stored at the club to remove them for a period by mid July to allow work to commence. We appreciate the cooperation of all members affected, as well as the generous support of those who have volunteered (or who are about to do so ;-) to assist with the work required.

The clubs' Annual General Meeting is to be held at the club on Sunday 2nd August 2015 at 2.00pm. All members are strongly encouraged to come along and participate in the planning and preparation for next season, and this is also an ideal opportunity for you to put forward your ideas to help take the club forward. In accordance with the club constitution, all Executive, Committee and Club Official positions will be vacated and open for election, so if you believe that you have something to offer and want to get involved next season then please take the opportunity to put up your hand to help out in some capacity. A nomination form is attached to this newsletter and this should also be available from the club website shortly.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many people who have put so much into varying aspects of the clubs' activities over the past season. It was a very busy year, in fact much busier than we had anticipated, with a string of 5 major regatta's having evolved by chance rather than by design. With the fantastic support of our volunteers each of these events was a huge success, with our ability to host such successful regatta's having been recognised and rewarded with the club being selected to host both the A-Class Nationals and the Opti States next season as a result. The proposed program for the coming season will be much less gruelling with respect to regatta's than last year, but the events we are hosting will be larger and have a higher profile, so the support of all members will again be required and appreciated.

Finally I would personally like to thank a very active and hard working committee who have steered us successfully through our 67th season and who have also set the course for an exciting 68th season. While there are always things that can be improved upon and there is more to be done, a great deal has been achieved and the future looks bright thanks in no small part to their efforts. In addition there are the many volunteers who REALLY run the club, (the committee just thinks it does!), with Learn to Sail classes: on water rescue boat operators; race officers; yacht starters and finishers; the best canteen crew anywhere; those who maintain the club facilities, equipment and grounds; our webmaster; and of course our amazing regatta volunteers who help run events to raise vital funds that enable us to balance the budget and continue to improve club facilities and programs. Then of course there are all of those crazy sailors (with sailing on their sailing minds), and the learn to sail participants (and their loyal supporters) who turn up every week for a dose of salt water therapy. You should all be congratulated on your involvement and participation in a great sport, and on behalf of all club members and the outgoing Executive and Committee, a very BIG THANKYOU and WELL DONE to all.

As we look forward with enthusiasm to another season at SLMASC, we also know that sadly things will never be quite the same due to the recent loss of Les Poole, Life Member and current auditor for the club. Les and his wife Heather have made an enormous contribution to the club over many years and he will be very sadly missed by all who knew him. The sympathy of all club members and his friends go to Heather, their children Gai and Glenn, and their families, who have been members of SLMASC over many years.

The 2015-16 season will soon be upon us, and with your continued support and involvement in all club activities, especially the major regatta's to be held at the club, it has the potential to be one of our best seasons yet. The season launches with the AGM on Sunday 2nd August at 2.00pm I look forward to seeing you there.

Smooth Sailing Phil Evans President SLMASC

SLMASC AGM REMINDER. The SLMASC Annual General Meeting will be held at the club on **Sunday 2nd August at 2.00pm**. In accordance with the club constitution, all Executive, Committee and Club Official positions will be vacated and open for election. A nomination form is attached to this newsletter and this should also be available from the club website shortly.

Start of Season BBQ and First Aid Training. A social BBQ is planned to be held at the club in early to mid September to officially launch the new season just prior to the commencement of racing, and we are attempting to arrange for St Johns Ambulance to provide some basic first aid training on the day, free for all members. This will not be a fully certified first aid course (which usually takes 1-2 full days of tuition), but this condensed essential boating first aid training will provide some potentially lifesaving skills that every sailor should know. We will provide further details of the BBQ and the training session as soon as arrangements have been finalised, so be on the lookout for an email and make sure that you attend if you can. If you are already not on the club email list, see below for details of how to subscribe.

Blue Books are available at the clubhouse \$35 each, Racing Rules of Sailing 2013 - 2016.

Sponsors Wanted. The club is always on the lookout to seek the support of both local and national businesses with whom we are able to offer mutually beneficial sponsorship opportunities. With several large and high profile regatta's at the club this season (A-Class Nationals and the Opti States) that will attract many visitors and receive media coverage, as well as our own club regatta activities and programs, including our junior learn to sail and race programs, as well as our dinghy and yacht racing programs, there are a wide range of potential sponsorship opportunities that can be tailored to suit any new sponsor. The club is looking to enhance our sponsorship program for the coming season and beyond, and would appreciate the assistance of all club members in helping to identify suitable potential sponsors, especially where they may be able to assist with an introduction or key contact. If you have any ideas for possible new sponsors, or if you have contacts that may be useful in assisting us to discuss sponsorship opportunities with suitable businesses, please email details to committee@slmasc.org . After the AGM, it is envisaged that the newly elected executive and committee will look to appoint a Sponsorship Coordinator who will then formally manage our sponsorship program for the coming season.

Wall of Fame Roll Call. For those who attended the recent club presentation nights you will have noticed that the interior of the club is currently undergoing a ‘facelift’ with the rendering of the brick wall at the northern end of the building. The intention is for this wall to become the clubs “Wall of Fame”, where the clubs rich history of national and international championship winners as well as our immediate past season club champions can be properly recognised. The photo’s currently on the wall have not been updated for quite some time and there are some notable omissions, so over the coming months we will be looking to turn this into a major feature inside the club. We have records of most major titles won by club members but it is possible that with 67 years of sailing success behind us that we may need some help to check and validate some results. If you have any information on the clubs history of major sailing achievements, please help with this project by emailing them to committee@slmasc.org

Are you on the club email list? Have you changed your email address recently, and if so, have you updated our mailing list?

If you haven’t joined our list and kept your details up to date, we can’t keep you informed of what’s going on around your club, so please take a minute to get connected now.

If you have not been receiving club emails during the season then it is likely that you have not subscribed to the club mailing list via the club website (www.slmasc.org). It’s a very quick and easy thing to do, and it is entirely FREE.

All you have to do is click on the ‘Subscribe to our newsletter’ link on the left side of the website homepage, enter your primary email address along with your name and preferred email format, and then when you receive an email titled ‘Please Confirm Subscription’ from us, just click on the link in the email that says ‘Yes, subscribe me to this list’ and you’re done.

If you also want to receive email updates whenever new news items or details are posted on the website, you can also subscribe to this separate FREE service using the ‘Follow News via Email’ box on the right side of the website homepage. This is a separate subscription to the email newsletter list above, so if you want to received ALL updates then you should subscribe to BOTH lists.

SPONSORS 2014-2015

THANK YOU -- to the following sponsors who have sponsored the Club for the 2014-15 sailing season. We look forward to your ongoing support.

Bayfresh Fruit & Vegetables
Black Pepper Butchery
Centennial Coal
Gill Australia
Mirrabooka Motors
Morisset Lions Club
Morisset Rotary Club
Sunshine Bowlers
Wendy Harrison

Bay Hotel Motel
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Greg Piper
Macquarie Moorings
Morisset Outboard Services
R & M Insurance Brokers
Sunshine Progress Association
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Congratulations to the dinghy and yacht sailors who collected prizes for their efforts in the 2014/15 season;

Barbara Ward Trophy – Most Improved Sailor --- **Andrew Waterhouse**

Aqua Blue Encouragement Award --- **Salli Pendergast**

Jack Hart Award – sailor demonstrating most potential --- **Trent Beashel**

Learn To Sail Encouragement --- **Byron Yell**

Old Boot Award – parent or helper assisting sabot sailing --- **Brendan Yell**

Charles Raynor Award -- most promising junior sailor --- **Sai Rorich**

Sailor representing South Lakes at the highest level --- **Michael Brown**

Most Valuable Member Trophy --- **Adam and Lanee Beashel**

OPTI / SABOT

Overall Pointscore --- **Jaxon Stacey**

Club Championship --- Thing A Me Bob, **Joel Beashel**

JUNIOR MISCELLANEOUS

Overall Pointscore --- Forte, Spiral, **Tanya Boag**

IMPULSES

Presidents Trophy --- Old Gold, **Ross Bradley**
Spring Pointscore --- Jaska, **Bob Stephens**
Summer Pointscore --- Touch O Class, **Brian Goldsmith**
Overall Pointscore --- Jaska, **Bob Stephens**
Club Championship --- Old Gold, **Ross Bradley**

LASERS

Presidents Trophy --- Unsinkable II, **Jordan Makin**
Spring Pointscore --- Ssotally Tober, **Alan Booth**
Summer Pointscore --- Weekend Warrior, **Andrew Waterhouse**
Overall Pointscore --- Bullzye, **Steve Bull**
Club Championship --- Red Goes Fast, **Scott Singleton Turner**

Yacht results 2014/15

SUNDAY POINTSCORES

Karl Schneider – **Y Knot** Spring – **Anarchy**
Summer --- **Oh No** Winter - **Anarchy**
Overall Sunday – **Y Knot**

TWILIGHT POINTSCORES

Division One

Spring – **Triple Treat**
Summer - **Sorceror**
Autumn – **Anarchy**
Overall - **Lucky Number**

Division Two

Spring – **Y Knot**
Summer – **Sundowner**
Autumn – **Just Cruzin**
Overall - **Y Knot**

Yacht special presentations

Rookie of the year – **Just Cruzin, Cameron Hughes**
Boat of the Year – **Y Knot, Mark Burrows**
Skipper of the year – **Simon Furdui , Sail La Vie**
Crewman of the Year - **Sand Piper**

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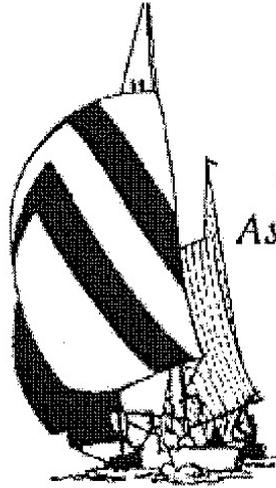


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2015 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Sunday 2 August 2015, 2 p.m.

SLMASC Club House, Sunshine

AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of 2014 Annual General Meeting
3. Business arising from minutes
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Election of Executive and Committee
President Vice President
Secretary Treasurer Committee members (3)
7. Election of Club Officials
Club Captain Yacht Race Control Officers
Judges Equipment Auditor
Starter Canteen Organiser
Assistant Starter Publicity Officer
Handicappers Newsletter Editor
Dinghies Auditor
Yachts Social Committee
Class Captains Class Delegates
8. Club fees for the 2015/2016 season

The Annual General Meeting will be followed immediately by the first General Meeting for the 2015/2016 season.

NOMINATIONS FOR ELECTION

Executive and Committee Positions

Nominations for these positions must reach the Secretary not less than seven (7) days prior to the Annual General Meeting. All nominations must be signed by the nominee, nominator and seconder and all must be financial members of the SLMASC. In the event of there being only one written nominee for any position, the nominee will be declared elected to that position unopposed. In the event of there being no nominees for a position, nominations will be called from the floor of the meeting.

POSITION	NOMINEE	NOMINATOR	SECONDER
President			
Vice President			
Secretary			
Treasurer			
Committee			
Committee			
Committee			