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Presidents Report

The 2015-16 sailing season was another extremely busy, enjoyable and successful one for the club, and this was reflected in the great roll-up at both the dinghy and yacht presentation nights held recently at the club. These were both enjoyable evenings to socialise and celebrate achievements over the past season, with thousands of dollars worth of prizes taken home by the deserved recipients. A big thank you must go to our valued sponsors whose generosity made the prizes possible, and we would ask all members to patronise businesses that support our club where possible. Congratulations again go to all of the prize winners and award recipients, but also equally importantly to everyone who participated and 'had a go' throughout the season. A summary of prize recipients is included in this newsletter and there are some very hard earned and popular prize winners on the list. If you're name doesn't appear however then don't despair, as the new season is just around the corner and will give us all the chance to do it over again with a different result!

It was particularly pleasing to see such a great roll-up at the Dinghy Presentation from our ever growing Learn to Sail, Learn to Race, and Junior Racing programs which have gone from strength to strength over recent seasons. This has been a key area of focus for the club in recent years and it is extremely rewarding to see the continued growth and interest being generated at a junior level. These programs are the 'engine room' that will keep the club going and growing, and based on the success of these programs, SLMASC has a very bright future indeed. Obviously this success hasn't happened by accident, and is only due to the hard work of a small team of very dedicated instructors and volunteers. The new season programs are already being developed with a healthy re-registration and waiting list currently being sorted through to plan classes. If you know of someone who may wish to join the junior sailing program next season then do them a favour and make sure they register their interest (on a waiting list if necessary) so they don't miss the boat in 2016-17. As you will read below, there's never been a better time to be a junior sailor in Team SLMASC!

In addition to the busy regular sailing program, the club also hosted numerous other events during the season that generated valuable revenue and recognition for the club. Amongst these events were the Zhik Single Hander Regatta, Heron State Titles, A Class Catamaran National Titles, SLMASC 68th Annual Regatta, the MPASC/SLMASC interclub series, State Wind Surfer Championships, with the season ending on a high note with the NSW Optimist Dinghy State Championships.

Despite a week of appalling weather that tested officials and competitors alike, A Class Catamaran championship in early January was an extremely successful event for the club, and a big thank you must again go to all who helped both on and off the water in hosting this event.

Held on the last weekend of the sailing season, our hosting of the Opti State Championships was also an enormous success, so much so that SLMASC has been

asked to host the event AGAIN next season! This is a direct reflection of the excellent efforts of the 66+ volunteers who helped us to plan, prepare, coordinate and conduct what many visiting Opti competitor families have told us they regard as the best Opti event they have attended in many years. Many of the competitors were visiting to race on Lake Macquarie for the first time and they loved the venue, facilities, conditions and friendliness of club members which means that next years' Opti states will be HUGE! Well done and thank you to all members and supporters who volunteered and got involved. You did an awesome job and I know from talking with many of you, you also had a ball doing it. For those who weren't able to assist last season, all is not lost! You will get another chance to join the SLMASC Opti Army next season when we aim to raise the bar higher still.

An area behind the scenes success for the club last season has been with our efforts to secure Grant Funding for various projects and programs at the club. Robyn Schmidt took on the role of Grants Coordinator at last years AGM, and since attending the Government run Grants Training Workshop she has been busily preparing applications under various grant schemes. With several of these applications having been recently approved, Robyn has now managed to secure approximately \$12,000 in funding (not all received yet) for projects that will help to improve club facilities and programs. Well done Robyn and keep up the great work! I would also ask all members to assist with this drive to attract external grant and sponsorship funding by helping to highlight any funding programs or sponsorship opportunities that you come across.

Looking forward, the countdown to the start of the new season has officially begun with a draft sailing program set and ready for review at the upcoming AGM. The yacht racing marks have all just been serviced and strategy discussions have commenced to wrestle the Interclub Trophy and bragging rights back from MPASC in the coming season. The club has also received numerous requests to host various class state and national championships over the coming seasons, which in itself is a great endorsement of the work our volunteers do in conducting these events in such a professional manner. These events are on a whole, excellent fundraisers for the club, however we are mindful not to over commit to running too many major regatta's in the coming season as we are reliant on volunteers for each event. Several such regatta requests have been declined and some are still under consideration, but the events that we have committed to hosting next season include the Laser Coast Championships, the Zhik Regatta (in a new format), Heron State Titles, the SLMASC 69th annual regatta, Cherub State Titles and of course the Opti State Championships (version 2.0)! This program should provide a good balance between raising vital funds to allow the club to continue to improve facilities and programs while also ensuring that we do not bite off more than we can chew.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many members and their families who have put so much into varying aspects of the clubs' activities over the past season. It was a very busy year, and with the fantastic support and enthusiasm of our volunteers and our awesome location and club facilities, our ability to host successful large regatta's has been well recognised and rewarded with numerous requests received to host more events in the future. These events do generate valuable funds for the club and the ongoing support of all members is required and appreciated to ensure that future events hosted by the club are both successful and of maximum benefit to our members.

I would also personally like to thank the hard working club committee who have steered us successfully through our 68th season and who have also set the course for an exciting 69th season. While there are always things that can be improved upon and there is more to be done, we should never lose sight of the fact that a great deal has been achieved. In addition, thanks also go to the many volunteers who REALLY run the club, 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. Then of course there are all of the yacht and dinghy sailors as well as learn to sail participants (and their loyal supporters) who turn up every week, rain, hail or shine. I congratulate you on your participation and dedication, and on behalf of all club members and the outgoing Executive and Committee in the words of old Mr Grace, 'you've all done very well'!

Finally a special note of thanks must also go to Doug Blackstock, who after 8 years serving on the committee as both Club President and Vice-President has indicated that he will step down at the upcoming AGM. Doug will obviously continue to be involved in regular club activities, helping to conduct major regatta's, as a Junior sailing instructor, and of course as a regular and very competitive yacht and dinghy sailor. On behalf of all club members I thank Doug for his many years of dedicated involvement including his 8 years of club leadership, and I know that we can rely on his continued assistance and support in the future.

The 2016-17 season will soon be upon us, and with your continued support and involvement in all club activities, it has the potential to be our best season yet. The season launches with the AGM on Sunday 24th July at 2.00pm (see details below) I look forward to seeing you there.

Smooth Sailing

Phil Evans
President SLMASC

SLMASC AGM REMINDER.

The clubs' Annual General Meeting is to be held at the club on Sunday 24th July at 2.00pm. All members are strongly encouraged to come along and participate in the planning and preparation discussions for next season and this is 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 with instructions is attached to this newsletter and will also be available from the club website shortly.

'YA Blue Books' ... the Racing Rules of Sailing 2013 – 2016, are now available at the club for \$35 each.

Note that these are applicable for the full 2016-2017 SLMASC season and will not be superseded until the 2017-18 season. All yachts must have a current copy for their Category 7 Safety check.

Opti update -

The June long weekend saw the East Coast Champs which was a great event. We had a great turn-out from our club make the trip down to Pittwater. Congrats to all the sailors especially Joel and Ruby who won their divisions.

More winter sailing coming up at Toronto and RPA Ice Breaker Series for more information please email Lanee. Laneeb@ymail.com

Below is an updated Calendar for Opti Events coming up this year.

NSWIODA Calendar 2016/17

Queensland Youth Week	July 1-5
Sail Brisbane	July 7-10
TT2 Connells Point/Teams Racing GRSC	Sept 17-18
NSW Youth Championships	October 1-3
TT3 ACT Optimist Championships	October 29-30
Zhik Regatta—SLMASC	NOV 5-6
Sail Melbourne	December 9-11
Sail Sydney 2017	December 17-19
Aust. Opti National Championship Largs Bay SA	Jan 2-9
OptiChicks Gosford	February 25-26 TT4
NSW Opti States Sunshine SLMASC	March 24-25th

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THANK YOU -- to the following sponsors who have supported the Club during the 2015-16 sailing season. We ask all club members to support these generous local businesses where ever possible.

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Black Pepper Butchery
Centennial Coal
Mirrabooka Motors
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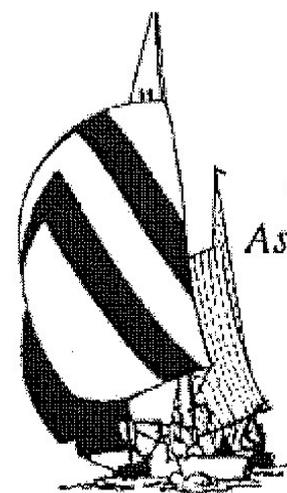
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Congratulations to the dinghy and yacht sailors who won prizes for their efforts in the 2015/16 season;

Barbara Ward Trophy – Most Improved Sailor --- **Jarvis Hendry**

Aqua Blue Encouragement Award --- **Dylan Ryan**

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

Charles Raynor Award -- most promising junior sailor --- **Paige Caldecoat**

Learn To Sail Encouragement --- **Corbin Stacey**

Old Boot Award – parent or helper assisting sabot sailing --- **Vaughn Hillhouse**

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

Most Valuable Member Trophy --- **Karen Newman**

SUNDAY YACHT POINTSCORES

Karl Schneider – **Bundy On** Spring – **Lady Chaos**

Summer --- **Sail la vie** Winter - **Blown Away**

Overall Sunday – **Lady Chaos**

TWILIGHT YACHT POINTSCORES

Division One

Spring – **Lady Chaos**

Summer - **2xcess**

Autumn – **Storm Rider**

Overall - **Storm Rider**

Division Two

Spring – **Tonic**

Summer – **Soleil**

Autumn – **Ashanti**

Overall - **Tonic**

Yacht special presentations

Rookie of the Year – **Ashanti, Kane Ash**

Boat of the Year – **Lady Chaos, Jeff Adams**

Skipper of the Year – **Mark Scharfenberg, 2xcess**

Crew of the Year - **Tonic**

OPTI

Presidents Trophy --- CIK, **Trent Beashel**

Spring Pointscore --- CIK, **Trent Beashel**

Summer Pointscore --- Bumble Bee, **Jessy Hillhouse**

Overall Pointscore --- Funky Monkey, **Daniel Evans**

Club Championship --- Sea Ya Later, **Bridget Conrad**

JUNIOR MISCELLANEOUS

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

Summer Pointscore --- Tonka, Laser, **Jarvis Hendry**

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

IMPULSES

Presidents Trophy --- Torture, **Michael Brown**

Spring Pointscore --- Jaska, **Bob Stephens**

Summer Pointscore --- Jaska, **Bob Stephens**

Overall Pointscore --- Jaska, **Bob Stephens**

Club Championship --- Old Gold, **Ross Bradley**

LASERS

Presidents Trophy --- Legs, **Paige Caldecoat**

Spring Pointscore --- Ssotally Tober, **Alan Booth**

Summer Pointscore --- Bullzye, **Steve Bull**

Overall Pointscore --- Ssotally Tober, **Alan Booth**

Club Championship --- Bullzye, **Steve Bull**

Miscellaneous

Presidents Trophy --- Fisticuffs, Cherub, **Peter and Scott Charlton**

Spring Pointscore --- Fisticuffs, Cherub, **Peter and Scott Charlton**

Summer Pointscore --- Fisticuffs, Cherub, **Peter and Scott Charlton**

Overall Pointscore --- Fisticuffs, Cherub, **Peter and Scott Charlton**

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2016 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Sunday 24 July 2016, 3pm

SLMASC Club House, Sunshine

AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of 2015 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 2016/2017 season

The Annual General Meeting will be followed immediately by the first General Meeting for the 2016/2017 season.

NOMINATIONS FOR ELECTION

Executive and Committee Positions

Nominations for these positions must reach the Secretary or Treasurer 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			