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Presidents Report

Welcome to the 2016-17 sailing season for what is SLMASC's 69th year of continuous operation!

With the weather starting to improve and daylight hours now extending, it's time to prepare your boat and rally the crew so that you don't miss the season launch in just a couple of weeks' time.

Thank you to all who attended the AGM and provided input into planning for the year ahead and on behalf of all members I would again like to thank the outgoing committee and all volunteers for their efforts over the last year. I also thank and congratulate those who put up their hand (or allowed their arm to be twisted?) to fill all committee and other positions for the coming season. Following discussion at the AGM, a new committee structure has been adopted with separate Yacht and Dinghy Sub-Committee's now in place, led by a Vice-President (Yachting) and Vice President (Dinghies) respectively. With our expanding club programs and the level of coordination that these require, it is believed that this structure will help to ensure that all areas of the club have the appropriate focus and resources they need to maximise their success.

Following review at the AGM, the club sailing program has now been published and we can all look forward to another busy and enjoyable season ahead. We again have a number of major dinghy regatta's that the club has agreed to host and these regattas are a vital source of revenue for the club that enables us to continue to improve our facilities and resources while maintaining fees at affordable levels. We will be calling on all members to assist in the organisation and conduct of these events again this year and I would encourage you to get involved whenever you can. Not only will you be helping our club to grow and prosper for the benefit of all members, but as many discovered while helping at the Opti State Championship in March, you'll also have a ball while doing it!

Just a reminder that club memberships are now due for renewal and details appear later in this newsletter. I would highlight that following broad agreement at the AGM, the Yacht Sailing instructions have now been amended to require all regular yacht crew members to become Sailing Members of the club (previously they were just encouraged to do so). All yacht skippers need to carefully read these new requirements and make sure that their regular crew members are aware of them. Our membership fees are amongst the lowest around (much lower than in most other sports), and we need all regular participants to make what is really a very modest contribution towards keeping club programs viable and growing. The club has an ever increasing cost base (eg. insurances, race mark maintenance and replacement, ongoing club maintenance and operating costs, race prizes, etc), and to be honest, a full season of racing for just \$100 for a regular crew member really is awesome value.

Finally on behalf of all members, I would like to express our collective congratulations and admiration to all members of the Aussie Olympic Sailing team who just 'smashed it' in Rio. The whole team were awesome, winning 1 Gold and 3 Silver medals, as well as achieving several PB's, which after all is all you can ever ask for. Most would be aware that 3 Lake Macquarie sailors won Silver medals (Nathan Outteridge, Iain Jensen, Will Ryan), but many may not be aware that in addition to this, Tom Burton, Rio Gold Medallist in the Laser class, actually learned to sail at Sunshine in SLMASC's Learn To Sail program, and Laura Caldecoat from SLMASC also just

returned from Rio after having coached with the Hungarian Olympic Sailing Team. We plan to recognise these fantastic achievements more fully during the season, but it just goes to show that if you have a dream and never give up on it, anything is possible! We also wish our Paralympic Sailing team every success when they get the opportunity to compete in Rio over the coming weeks.

So with the season launch now just weeks away, I wish all SLMASC sailors and their 'support teams' a fun, friendly, competitive and most importantly, a very safe sailing season. Enjoy the close and tough racing, or perhaps learning to sail if you are just starting out, but please always remember why we go sailing ... for FUN. I encourage you to get out for a sail at every opportunity to enjoy the most magnificent boating waterway anywhere. Lake Macquarie really is Sailors Paradise, so enjoy yourself and take care out there.

Smooth Sailing

Phil Evans

President SLMASC

YACHT RACING NEWS – SPRING 2016 (Report by John Mason - Vice President Yachts)

Firstly, congratulations to all our Olympic sailors, particularly those from Lake Macquarie, who did so well in Rio.

The time has come for the sailing season to commence:

- Boat preparation
- Category 7 compliance checks – telephone Doug Wilson – 0411 372 105
- Club Memberships for skippers and crews
- Entries for racing
- First Sunday Spring race 18 September
- First Friday Twilight race 7 October

Sailing Instructions for 2016 / 2017: minor refinements have been made

Race courses: additional twilight course to suit North West winds – No 19.

Wind direction: Prior to the start, two committee members call the starter to advise wind direction from two places in the racing area in order to best select the course.

Starter: We are all indebted to Diana Charlton who has volunteered to start and finish the races this season. Therefore, duty officer roster should not be required.

On behalf of the Yacht Racing Committee, firstly enjoy your sailing, make the fewest mistakes, and win (apologies to Paul Elvstrom) If only it was that simple.

Yacht Committee:

John Mason	Mark Burrows
Doug Wilson	Gary Macleay
Garry Wilson	Geoff Cowper

Yacht Safety Checks Are Now Due!

With the start of the sailing season being just a few weeks away on Sunday 18th September, it's time to scrape off the barnacles (from both your yacht and the crew), remove the seagull nests, and start to get seriously organised ready for the start of the new sailing season. It is important to remember that ALL yachts racing at SLMASC are required to have passed a Category 7 Safety Check before racing and if you have not had your audit done yet you need to get it organised quickly. Only boats that have a valid Category 7 Safety Certificate (or higher category) will accrue points in club point score races and it is the owner/skipper's responsibility to contact the club safety auditor to arrange a time for an inspection well in advance of your intended first race. You should not assume that the auditor will be available to inspect your boat at the last minute, so don't wait until the week before the first race to book a safety inspection. Doug Wilson will be coordinating the safety inspections again this year and he can be contacted on 0411 372 105 or via email at doug2904@gmail.com

On behalf of all yacht sailors, a big thank you must go to the Safety Auditors, especially Doug who coordinates the process and for giving up their time to undertake this important task to help keep our yacht sailors safe. Please give them your full cooperation and respect their time by being punctual and having your boat ready for inspection with all relevant safety gear laid out and the Category 7 Inspection form printed off and completed. These forms are available from both the club and Yachting NSW websites.

Attention ALL Sailors at SLMASC

Your membership fees are now due. Membership and any outstanding race fees must be paid by the first race if you wish to receive points in club point scores.

- \$255 Family Membership
- \$100 Senior Membership
- \$80 Junior Membership
- \$35 Social (nonsailing) Membership

To qualify for club pointscores all dinghy and yacht sailors (skippers and regular crew) must be current financial members.

The Yacht Sailing Instructions have now been amended to require all regular yacht crew members to become Sailing Members of the club. All yacht skippers need to carefully read these new requirements and make sure that their regular crew members are aware of them. The following paragraph is taken from the Sailing Instructions.

A crew member who sails more than five (5) club races during the season shall be deemed to be "regular crew" and are required to be sailing members of the Club. Failing to comply with this requirement shall not be grounds for protest by a competitor, however it may result in the boat being scored DNS by the Sailing Committee without a hearing or such other penalty the Sailing Committee deems appropriate.

RACE FEES

Race Fees for Yachts and senior Dinghies \$7 and Sabot/Opti fees \$5, non members \$10
Discounts apply for upfront race fees, see boat registration form for details.

Opti Racing SLMASC 2016-2017 (Report by Adam Beashel)

First a recap on last season...WOW, what a great season it was. We ended it with hosting the NSW Optimist class champs with 166 boats and competitors. This was a fantastic achievement from all our volunteers and sailors to make it the success it was. From this, SLMASC has also been confirmed to host this event again on March 25th & 26th 2017. This will be a fantastic opportunity for our SLMASC kids to mix it with the best and form some great friendships.

As for our Sunday racing I believe on our best day we topped out at about 22 Optis racing. That was a great milestone and I believe this next season shows even more promise, lets aim for 30+...

On **October 16th** we will be kicking off the new season. This will be our first Opti race day and will be focused mostly on How to Rig your own boat and set it up. This will be an important day as each sailor will now need to be fully capable to Rig, Launch, Sail and pack their boat away each day. This will be necessary as Coaches and Volunteers will be also helping with Learn to Sail and won't always be around to help the racing kids rig their boats etc. We are also hoping to get a roster system in place so our experienced Opti racing kids can also help out the Learn to Sail group on a few Sunday mornings!! Please let us know if your child is keen.

The plan for Sunday Racing will be first **Start at 11am** and we hope to always run 2 short coached races followed by 2 official short races close to the club to keep it fun and exciting for all. We are also hoping to introduce some Fun Flying Ant sailing for those keen (following the Opti racing each Sunday).

As for boat storage, the club is now set up so the side Boat Storage bays have roller doors and Opti storage will be in all 4 bays with 1 bay being for kids that wish to sail more often than Sundays and Wednesday afternoons. Please inform the club if this is your child's aspirations. We hope to be able to store around 24 Optis at the club this season so PLEASE contact the club to reserve your spot.

Wednesdays will be our official Training day commencing from **October 12th**. Boats will need to be ready to sail by **4pm** and pizza will be available when boats are packed up. Please note that kids doing Wednesday afternoon need to be capable to Rig, Launch and sail their boats in all conditions up to 20knots. We are limited with Coach/Safety boats on the water and parents are responsible for their kids if the child is not able to handle the conditions.

I personally am very excited about this next season as there has been a lot of great results from our own Opti sailors at most major regattas last year and over the winter. The travelling sailor's skills will be rubbing off on all our Opti Race kids this summer. Adding to this, I have seen many capable kids from Learn to Race last year ready to step up to the Race Group so we should have lots of kids enjoying each Sunday we get to hit the water.

I will be using the **SLMASC Face Book** page to give updates on conditions and any changes to the program so we can all be well informed. We also hope to post Sunday race results and photos ASAP after each day. So PLEASE make sure you are signed up for the **SLMASC Face Book page**.

Opti Dates and Times to Remember and think about:

September	18th	Travellers Trophy	Connells Point
October	1st-3rd	NSW Youth Champs	Georges River
	12th	After School Sailing	SLMASC 4pm
	23rd	Sunday Racing	SLMASC 11am
	29th-30th	Travellers Trophy	Canberra
November	5th-6th	Zhik Regatta	SLMASC
January	2nd-9th	Opti Nationals	South Australia
February	25th	Opti Chicks	Gosford
February	26th	Travellers Trophy	Gosford
March	25th-26th	Opti NSW Champs	SLMASC



GO WINDSURFING!

Dear Windsurfers

What's happening with junior windsurfing you ask?

Well, lots actually, there seems to be a real groundswell of young sailors looking to get into Windsurfing which is good news. it's such a great sport and such a good way to keep young sailors connected to sailing.

First up is the **Have-A-Go at Windsurf racing day** to be held at SLMASC Sunday Sept 11th (not far off!). This day is focused on junior sailors between the ages of 10-17 who can already sail but have an interest in learning to windsurf and hopefully race. We will start off with a morning session covering the basics of windsurfing technique, with a break for lunch followed by some easy course racing in the afternoon. It's not expensive and charter boards and rigs are available if need be. For further info click the link below. Remember, you don't need Techno gear to be involved, **bring whatever windsurf equipment you have or charter from us.**

If you can't make this event, below are a list of all events that we know Techno 293's are invited to, so if you want to get involved do it! We'll update this list as we get closer to summer and more events are finalised.

Event:	Dates:	Location:	Further Info:
Have-A-Go at Windsurf Racing	Sept 11, 2016	SLMASC	Click here to enter and charter
QLD Youth Camp & Champs	Sept 20-25, 2016	KBSC	Click here for more info
NSW Youth Champs	Oct 1-3, 2016	GR16SC	Click here for more info
H2O Sailing Holiday Camps	Sept 26-28, 2016	SLMASC	Click here for more info
Zhik Single Handed Regatta	Nov, 2016	SLMASC	Click here for further info
Australian Youth Champs (Sth Aust)	Jan 10-14, 2017	ASC	Click here for more info
Downunder Pro	Jan 24-26, 2017	TBC	Click here for more info

We hope to see you at an event soon!

Thanks for reading!!

Australian Techno 293 Windsurf Association

CONGRATULATIONS TOM BURTON, GOLD RIO 2016

Tom Burton started sailing Sabots at SLMASC in Learn to Sail classes in 2003. After a hesitant start Tom started racing winning the Club Championship and awarded the Jack Hart Award for the Most Potential Sailor that year. Tom's first big step was to make the Northern NSW Sabot team representing SLMASC at the 2004/05 Sabot Nationals in Hobart, Tasmania. Tom continued in the Sabot until the end of 2005 when he started sailing an OK Dinghy coming 3rd in Division Two of the National Combined High School Championships and winning the Junior National Title at the OK Dinghy Nationals. In 2005/06 Tom won the NSW, Australian and World Junior Title in the OK Dinghy Championships. Tom started sailing a Laser in 2006/07 with his sailing really taking off with a 4th in the Youth Laser Radial World Championships in Auckland in 2008 in front of Rio bronze medallist Sam Meech. After winning the Australian Laser Championships in 2011 he became part of the Australian Sailing Development Squad and the road to Rio started. Congratulations Tom. The journey has been great to watch.

2016-17 ELECTION OF COMMITTEE & CLUB OFFICIALS

President	Phil Evans	Vice Presidents	John Mason and Lanee Beashel
Secretary	Robyn Schmidt	Treasurer	Diana Charlton
Committee	Garry Wilson, Doug Wilson, Mick Cowan		

CLUB OFFICIALS

Club Captain	Sean Singleton Turner	
Judges	Yachts - Mark Scharfenberg	Dinghy - Michael Brown

Starter	Roster
Assistant Starter	Roster
Handicappers Dinghies	Diana Charlton, Bob Stephens
	Yachts Geoff Cowper, Gary Macleay, Mark Burrows
	John Mason, Garry Wilson

Class Captains			
Yacht	John Mason	Opti/Sabot	Adam Beashel
125's	Blake Gates	Impulse	Bob Stephens
Laser	Al Booth		

Learn To Sail/Race Coordinators	Lanee and Adam Beashel
Equipment Auditor	Doug Wilson, Phil Evans, Phil Martin
Canteen Organiser	Roster
Publicity Officer & Newsletter Editor	Fiona Adams
Website	John Boyd and Scott Charlton
Auditor	Robert Foster
Public Officer	Diana Charlton
Sponsorship/Grants Coordinator	Robyn Schmidt

"FROM THE EDITOR"

Calling all Contributors!!! As part of this year's newsletters we are looking for your input. Do you have an interesting article; photos; sailing trivia? Will you be competing in Yachting Events, offshore racing or perhaps even a yachting holiday? We would love to hear from you! Your input as members would be greatly appreciated and hopefully we can run some great articles for the enjoyment of all. If you would like to contribute please email editor@slmasc.org **Looking forward to hearing from you!**

Best Wishes & Happy Sailing!

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A BIG THANK YOU to the following sponsors who have sponsored the Club for the 2015-16 sailing season. We look forward to your ongoing support.

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Public email address for general club enquiries

Used for all DINGHY racing correspondence

Used for all YACHT racing correspondence (*new email for 16-17 season*)

Used for correspondence to/from the club committee

Used for correspondence to/from treasurer

Used to contact the webmaster re club website, Facebook & Twitter posts

Used for all newsletter publicity

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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.

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