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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Happy 70th Birthday everyone!

Welcome to the 2017-18 sailing season in what is SLMASC's 70th anniversary year Congratulations to all current and past members who have all played a vital role in the clubs rich 70 year history. We look forward to the next 70 years full of optimism and with a strong desire to continue to grow and broaden our appeal by offering a variety of activities and programs in a safe, family friendly environment where the young and not so young can enjoy a healthy sport and lifestyle one of the best waterways in the country. That may sound a little biased, but it's the visitors who refer to the club and our location as Sailors Paradise that confirm it's not too far off the mark.

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 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 to fill all committee and other positions for the coming season. The slightly revised committee structure adopted last season has been retained, with separate Yacht and Dinghy Sub-Committee's now in place, lead by a Vice-President (Yachting) and Vice President (Dinghies) respectively. With our expanding club programs and the level of coordination that these require, this structure helps 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. Our presentation nights were extremely enjoyable occasions, enabling sailors to look back at the season that was and recognise many great achievements while also starting the count down for the season ahead. A real highlight of the dinghy presentation was our special guest, Rio Olympic Gold medal winner and previous SLMASC learn to sail junior, Tom Burton. A packed clubhouse heard Tom's account of that amazing final gold medal race in Rio, while also taking the chance to ask lots of questions and getting to hold a real Olympic gold medal and getting autographs and photo's too. We thank Tom for coming back to the club to help inspire our sailors young and old, as Tom started sailing in the SLMASC Learn to Sail Program not that many years ago. It just goes to show that if you can dream it and work hard enough, then anything is possible!

To help celebrate our 70th Anniversary, the club is undertaking one of our largest challenges in our history, with this being the hosting of the 2017 NSW Youth Championships. Following the success of the clubs hosting of the 2016 and 2017 Opti NSW State Championships, and after an extensive application process, SLMASC was selected by Australian Sailing as the host club for the 2017 NSW Youth Championships, with partner clubs Wangi ASC and Mannering Park ASC to also play vital roles in course Race Management for the event. The 'Youths' are expected to attract around

300+ sailors and their families to the club over the October long weekend (29th Sept – 2nd Oct). Due to the size of the event we need the support of up to 85 volunteers from SLMASC, with another 40 from our partner clubs. If you haven't yet jumped on board it's not too late to volunteer even a few hours or a day or more to assist as we still have vacancies on the roster. You will have a lot of fun as well as finding it a very rewarding experience by enabling the next generation of young sailors to compete in one of Australia's largest annual regattas being held on our home waters. We hope to see you there.

Given the level of planning and the effort required to host the Youths this season, we have not committed to as many smaller class championship regattas as we normally would for the coming year, although we will still be hosting our annual Zhik Regatta in November as well as the clubs 70th Annual Regatta in February. All of the club's regatta activities provide a vital source of revenue for the club that enables us to continue to improve facilities and resources while maintaining fees at affordable levels, so I would encourage you to get involved whenever you can. Not only will you be helping your club to grow and prosper for the benefit of all members, but you'll also have a ball while doing it!

On behalf of all members I would like to thank and congratulate those club members who have recently undertaken and completed Race Officer training as well as Mark/Course Laying training. These members have shown a fantastic commitment to the future of the club as without race officials and course setters there can be no racing. These training courses were provided and conducted by Sailing Australia as part of their support for our hosting of the Youth Championships. Course attendance numbers were strictly limited on this occasion but should you have an interest in receiving future training to assist in the running of club activities and events, please let a committee member know. Again, well done and thank you to all who participated in these courses and we look forward to putting your new skills and knowledge into action over the coming season.

I would also like to welcome Navico (B&G Sailing Electronics) on board as a new major sponsor of the club for the coming season. Club member Chris Radford has arranged for Navico to equip our club course boats with B&G instruments and supply a number of new VHF radios to enable a significant upgrade of our radio communications. This is in addition to a financial contribution from Navico towards our Youth Sailing program. Well done Chris and Navico On behalf of all members I thank you for your very generous support.

Finally, just a reminder that club memberships are now due for renewal and details appear later in this newsletter. Our membership fees are amongst the lowest around and we need all regular participants to make what is really a very modest contribution towards keeping club programs viable and growing, so please do your bit and join up for the coming season.

With the season launch now under two weeks away, I wish all SLMASC sailors 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.

Enjoy yourself and take care out there!

Smooth Sailing

Phil Evans
President SLMASC

YACHT SAFETY CHECKS NOW DUE

With the start of the sailing season being just a few weeks away, 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

Auditing for 2017 – 18

There are a couple of changes from previous years' Cat 7 form. Below are the main differences which should be completed and brought with you and presented to the auditor.

3.24.6 When an electric starter is the only provision for starting the engine, a separate battery shall be carried, the primary purpose of which is to start the engine.

Note a hand crank is therefore acceptable

4.05.1 (c) The primary anchor shall be carried assembled and attached to the ground tackle.

4.10.3 The current "Australian Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing" and "Special Regulations Part 1" shall be provided in either electronic or hardcopy formats, except in open boats.

Note: a hardcopy book as previous years is no longer available. You will need to download to your mobile phone or computer as below.

www.sailing.org.au/sport-services/racingrules

Download "2017-2020 Racing Rules of Sailing e-Books"

www.sailing.org.au/sport-services/safety/special-regulations

Download "2017-2021 Special Regulations Part 1 for Racing Boats"

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.

REMINDER – DINGHY SAILING RESUMES 10TH SEPTEMBER

VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED - NSW YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS

SLMASC is hosting the 2017 Trinity Point NSW Youth Sailing Championships September 30th to October 2nd.

We are still seeking volunteers to help run the BBQ's in the afternoon during the regatta from around 4pm-6pm

Volunteers are also needed to prepare lunches each morning at the Bay Hotel Kitchen on:

Sat 7-9am

Sun 6:30-8:30am

Mon 6:30-8:30am

If you can assist with preparing lunches or can help in any other way please contact Lanee at Laneeb@ymail.com OR phone 0405 846 904.

MEMBERSHIP FEES NOW DUE

At the AGM in June members voted to keep membership fees the same except for Affiliates. Yacht crew may join as a full member for \$100 which includes Australian Sailing membership. As a member of a Club affiliated with Australian Sailing you are covered by the Personal Accident Insurance Policy for the duration of the season - from the time you are made active in myClub until September 30, 2018. Yacht crew who do not wish to join Australian Sailing can become an Affiliate of SLMASC for \$40. Remember, this does not give YOU Personal Accident Insurance.

Follow this link to the Membership Renewal Form <http://slmasc.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/07/Membership-renewal-201718.pdf>

Follow this link to the Membership Social Affiliate Renewal Form <http://slmasc.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/07/Membership-affiliate-renewal-201718.pdf>

Follow this link to the Boat Registration Form <http://slmasc.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/boat-registration-201718.pdf>

Membership and race fees for the season 2017/2018

Family Membership	\$255.00	Senior Membership	\$100.00
Junior Membership	\$80.00	Affiliate & Yacht Crew	\$40.00
Race Fees Yachts	\$10.00	Race Fees Senior Dinghies	\$7.00
Race Fees Opti / Sabot	\$5.00	Non-Member Race Fee	\$10.00
Shed Rent	\$55.00 (Sabots/Optis)\$35.00		

RK ROBERTSON SERIES – 1st RACE SATURDAY 23rd SEPTEMBER

The RK Robertson 6 Race Series is fast approaching and so far SLMASC has 9 boats representing the Club! This is a good result however with so many great skippers, crew and yachts involved in Twilight racing it would be fantastic to have more boats competing in this event. Numbers need to be finalised by 10th September latest so if you are keen to enter please contact me editor@slmasc.org or phone 0423786983 with your boat name, design, sail number and preference of spinnaker or non spinnaker division. I have recently been informed there is \$3000 in sponsorship for this Series!! - plenty of prizes in plenty of divisions!

Thank you to all that have contacted me so far and made it possible for SLMASC to compete as a Club, joining Wangi Amateur Sailing Club, Lake Macquarie Yacht Club & Royal Motor Yacht Club Toronto in this great event. Remember it's not too late to enter!

- **Race 1 - Saturday September 23rd 2017- RMYC**
- **Race 2 - Saturday October 28th 2017 - WASC**
- **Race 3 - Saturday November 25th 2017 - LMYC**
- **Race 4 - Saturday January 20th 2018 - RMYC**
- **Race 5 - Saturday February 10th 2018 - WASC**
- **Race 6 - Saturday March 17th 2018 – LMYC**

NEWCASTLE YOUTH KEELBOAT REGATTA



NEWCASTLE CRUISING YACHT CLUB

An invitation is extended to the youth sailors of

South Lake Macquarie Amateur Sailing Club
to enter the inaugural
Newcastle Youth Keelboat Championship

NCYC wish to offer the youth sailors of our region an opportunity to represent their club and race in a keelboat regatta in local waters. Providing top level racing and experience in inshore keelboat sailing.

Round Robin Series - 14th & 15th April 2018

Finals Series - 22nd April 2018

Racing will be conducted in "The Basin" of Newcastle Harbour on the Club's fleet of six evenly- matched Force 24s - inshore keelboats with symmetrical spinnakers, carrying a crew of up to 5 sailors.

Clubs are invited to enter a team, with an opportunity to nominate second and subsequent teams (depending upon final entry numbers). Youth age is under 20 years as at 31st December 2018.

An opportunity to practise on the Force 24s is offered in the lead up to the regatta. The Round Robin series will be held over 2 days with the top 3 boats from each round progressing to the Final Series.



Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club, 95 Hannell Street, WICKHAM NSW 2293
Sailing Office - sailingacademy@ncyc.net.au - 4940 8188

www.ncyc.net.au/force-24-racing-events/

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If you know of any businesses that may be interested in discussing opportunities to support local junior sport or sponsor club activities and events, please contact a member of the club committee, email committee@slmasc.org, or contact Robyn Wilson at robyschmidt@yahoo.com.au

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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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