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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It's hard to believe that 2017 is already coming to a close and that we are fast approaching the half way point of our 70th Anniversary season.

Looking back over the season so far, what an amazing way to kick things off and celebrate the club's 70th birthday with the enormous challenge and success of our hosting of the Trinity Point 2017 NSW Youth Championships. The 'Youths' saw a record 288 dinghies and just on 400 competitors plus their families descended on the club with competitors ranging from as young as 7 through to 18 years of age who competed in 17 different fleets of boats and windsurfers across 4 race courses over the 3 day regatta. We believe that the event was the largest the club has hosted and it would not have been possible without the support of over 120 volunteers from Team SLMASC as well as our partner clubs, WASC and MPASC.

Declan Brennan, Australian Sailing NSW Regional Manager, praised the club's organisation and passion for the event at the presentation and indicated that he thought this was the biggest regatta ever held on Lake Macquarie and at that time it was definitely the biggest sailing regatta of any type held this year anywhere in Australia. Many competitors and their families commented that the event was the best regatta they have attended, delighted by the beautiful sailing conditions, the event organisation and atmosphere, and most importantly our amazing army of volunteers. That's quite a feat for a small amateur club, with the support of our partner clubs, to host such a large and complex event, and it was a very fitting way to mark an important milestone in our club history. Well done and thank you to everyone involved ... you were simply brilliant.

Apart from being a huge success on and off the water, the Youths also exceeded our financial expectations, and discussions are currently underway as to how to best invest these funds back into the club to significantly improve facilities in both the short and long term for the benefit of members. Following our successful hosting of this year's event, and with much of the event planning able to be easily replicated, we have expressed interest in hosting the event again next year to enable us to leverage on all of the hard work already done. A formal announcement regarding the venue for the 2018 Youth Championships is expected early in the new year.

With the huge commitment required to organise and run the Youths, we quite deliberately scheduled a lighter than normal regatta load for the rest of the current season, with the Annual Zhik and Club Regatta's being the only other two major events on the program this season. Despite a far from postcard weekend weather wise, the Annual Zhik regatta was again very successful with the revamped format adopted over the last few seasons having succeeded in lifting entry numbers, with 75 boats competing this year despite the very poor weather. This event provided an excellent opportunity for our recently trained new Race Officers to ply their skills and gain valuable on water experience that counts towards their Australian Sailing Race Officer Accreditation.

Our Learn to Sail and Opti Racing programs continue to deliver, not just with skills development and great Opti racing results, but also with a number of our juniors now starting to explore their options as they look to move beyond the Opti class. We currently have a number of juniors who are enjoying the challenge of a step up in boat speed on board a sail Board, Flying Ant or a 29er, which has required them to learn new skills such as spinnaker handling and the use of a trapeze.

We look forward to seeing our juniors continue to progress and to joining in the Sunday afternoon racing program as they master their new boats/boards.

It has been pleasing to see Team SLMASC again represented in the RK Robertson Yacht Interclub Series after a long absence, with Belmont, Wangi and Toronto clubs agreeing to accept the entry of a SLMASC team in the 2017-18 event. As at time of writing, Team SLMASC continues to punch well above its weight, raising eyebrows at the top end of the lake as we are well placed in the series and are leading some of the glamour club teams. Well done to team members and good luck for the remainder of the series keep up the great team work.

The clubs 70th Anniversary Annual Regatta is scheduled for the 10th and 11th Feb 2018 and we would like to include a Yacht Race and also a club BBQ in the regatta program to enable all members to get involved in the anniversary celebrations. Further details will be advised in late January but please keep the dates clear so that you can join in the fun and celebration.

Although still more than half a season away, we are looking to do something a little different for our end of season dinghy and yacht presentations. An idea being considered is to hold a combined end of season event for all club sailors that will involve a fun social activity before the presentation itself. For example, one suggestion has been to hold a not so serious 'Team SLMASC bare-foot bowls challenge' prior to a combined learn to sail, dinghy and yacht presentation. We are open to suggestions for a suitable fun social activity that can be held prior to the presentation either at the club or a local venue and that enables maximum participation for a wide range of ages and abilities. Please let us know of your ideas over the Christmas break so that these can be discussed and arrangements made early in the new year. It should make for a fun presentation and will enable all club sailors and their families to mingle and join the celebrations to mark the end of our 70th Anniversary Season.

Finally, for those members who are competing in class championships or in major regatta's and yacht races over the Christmas and New Year period, we wish you a safe, enjoyable and successful campaign. Please drive carefully and let us know which events you are entering so that we can track and report your progress, and just remember that whether you end up at the front, middle or back of the fleet, we are very proud to have you representing the club.

From all at Team SLMASC I wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a safe and enjoyable New Year with best wishes for a happy, healthy and successful 2018!

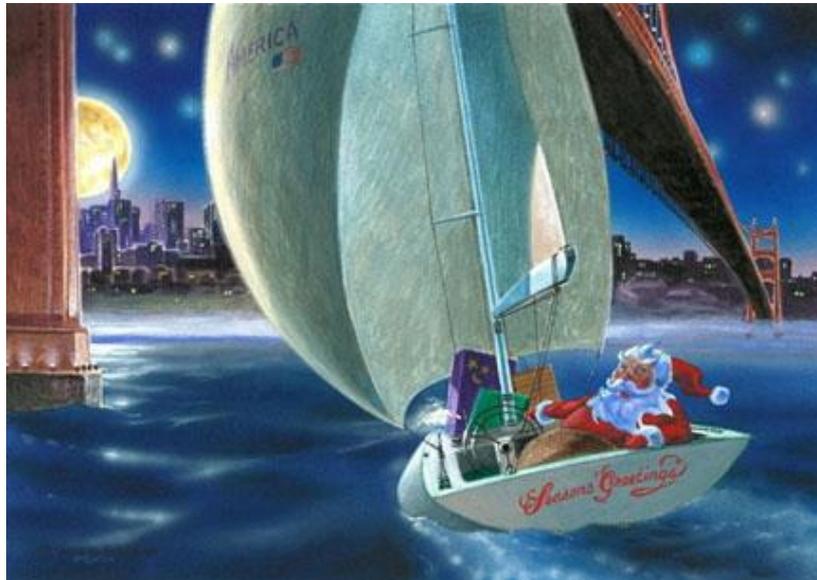
Smooth sailing for the year ahead ... enjoy yourself and take care out there.

Phil Evans

Club President
Team SLMASC



The Night Before Christmas at SLMASC!



*'Twas seconds to the start, and all down the line,
Most boats were over, except, of course, mine.
Other skippers were cursing, and sounding quite surly
With screaming at bows: "We're OVER EARLY!"*

*But we're off fast and clean, as we charged up the course.
Tacking on headers, without the slightest remorse.
We made it look easy, as we nailed each lift,
The rest far behind us, this race is a gift!*

*The crew got excited, we charged further ahead,
With grand visions of glassware filling our heads,
We cheered with delight as we crossed in first place,
Then I woke up and realised, I'd dreamt the whole the race!*



INTERCLUB REGATTA

The 2016-2017 Interclub Series will be conducted over a series of four heats with the first race kicking off on Saturday 9th December. This is a fantastic opportunity for all skippers and crew to race against our friendly rivals Mannering Park and of course the chance to bring the trophy home to Southlakes! As in other years the Interclub Series will be used as part of the overall point score tally and all sailors are encouraged to “have a go” and most of all get out on the water and have fun!



Race 1 – Saturday 9th December 2017 at MPASC

Race 2 – Saturday 16th December 2017 at SLMASC **BBQ at the club after racing**

Race 3 – Saturday 13th January 2018 at MPASC

Race 4 – Saturday 10th March 2018 at SLMASC **BBQ at the club after racing**

Remember, if you are short of crew but want to race, or want to crew but don't have a boat we now have a crew register on the website <http://slmasc.org/yachts/crew-register/>

HEAVEN CAN WAIT 2018 CHARITY SAILING REGATTA RACE ENTRY SYSTEM NOW OPEN FOR YACHTS AND DINGHIES

The Heaven Can Wait Charity Regatta was conceived and inaugurated by Lake Macquarie resident, keen sailor and cancer survivor Shaun Lewicki as a major annual sailing event on the lake, to promote sailing, the Lake Macquarie/Newcastle/Hunter region – and to raise funds for cancer research. The 2018 Race Entry System is now open to all Lake Macquarie sailors and more information can be found at <https://www.rmyctoronto.com.au/heaven-can-wait>



RK ROBERTSON SERIES UPDATE – SLMASC IS NOW IN 1ST POSITION AFTER RACE 3!

SLMASC	85.29
WANGI	88.34
RMYC	89.96
LMYC	108.85

SLMASC has achieved some fantastic results to date in the RK Robertson with 8 yachts competing over 1st, 2nd & 3rd Divisions. The races against Wangi Amateur Sailing Club, Royal Motor Yacht Club Toronto and Lake Macquarie Yacht Club have been hotly contested with SLMASC producing some fantastic results with Anarchy currently sitting in 1st place in the RK Shield and in the 2nd Division Individual. Sail La Vie had an awesome race 3 and notched up 1st place in 3rd Division Individual and 1st place overall in the RKR Shield on the day, well done Simon and crew! All boats have had incredible results and just goes to show how strong our club can be on Lake Mac!! All results can be viewed by following this link <http://www.lmycraceresults.com.au/results/2017/tyrkr/>

This year's competitors are: Stealthy, Anarchy, Blew By U, 2Excess, Internship, Sail La Vie, Lady Chaos and Y Knot with Nereus to compete in the final 3 races. Race conditions have been varied and it's been great to see Southlakes Skippers and Crew do their best in all weather conditions. Best of luck everyone for the next 3 races!

- **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**

2017 ENDEAVOUR MARINE 30 MILER - RESULTS

Hosted by RMYC Toronto the 2017 Endeavour Marine 30 Miler Race took place on Saturday 18th November with Lady Chaos representing SLMASC. Coming 1st in Line Honours 2nd Division and 3rd on Handicap overall, it was a testing race to say the least with spinnakers flying in up to 24 knots of breeze and a stiff consistent 20 plus knots of breeze for most of the race.

NSW YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS

288 boats competed in the 2017 Trinity Point NSW Youth Championships. Winners were presented with their medals by Tom Burton, a gold medallist from the 2016 Rio Olympics. Tom learnt to sail a Sabot at SLMASC early in his sailing career.

- Opti Open Results: Joel Beashel 7th, Bridget Conrad 18th, Logan Radford 23rd, Trent Beashel 30th,
- Opti Intermediate Results: Ruby Cowan 2nd, Kye Rivers 15th, Ellen Murray 25th, Logan McLean 40th,
- Opti Green Fleet results: Kaylah Allum 2nd, Darcy McLean 9th,
- 29er: Daniel Evans and Darcy Hillhouse
- Bic Technos: Anthony Charlton 5th, Jessie Hillhouse 9th

OPTIMIST NATIONALS

The 2018 Gill Australian & Open Optimist Championships will be held from 3rd – 10th January 2018 at the Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron. Representing SLMASC is Bridget Conrad, Logan Radford, Kye and Will Rivers and Trent and Joel Beashel. Best of Luck to all and GO TEAM SOUTHLAKES!

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