

Rear Commodore's Blurb.

Can I first congratulate all who participated in class championships in Sabres, Pacers, Fireballs, Musto Skiffs, 'A' Class cats over the past couple of weeks? Sorry if I missed anyone. These events provide a great opportunity to measure your skill level, further your skills and make friends with others with similar interests. Expect a noted improvement from these sailors in the weeks to come. Safety Beach SC has a great record of being well represented at class championships and this summer is no exception.

In support of our Vice Commodore & Yard Master, can I ask we try to keep our yard tidy? It is great to have so many new members join and new boats arriving. However, all kayaks and yachts should be labelled according to Yard Master's requirements and stored as allocated. For kayaks on the grass and other boats not stored appropriately please see our Yard Master Peter Chipperfield on Sunday morning if not before.

Our sailing program returns to some normality next Sunday 15th with Club Championship racing following junior racing in the morning.

The following SATURDAY (21st January) is McCrae YC's 50th birthday celebration. McCrae YC has supported Safety Beach in our events and we would like them to help us celebrate our 50th in a few years, so we want to see SBSC well represented to support them. Please see the flyer regarding this event including free entry to their race at 2pm and a BBQ lunch.

Our Foundation Series starts Sunday 22nd January with a morning heat before back-to-back afternoon heats. This series will conclude the following Sunday with same schedule. See your sailing program.

Australia Day and Safety Beach SC's birthday celebration is on Thursday the 26th. Snook's Catering will put on breakfast, lunch & dinner in true Ozzy style to help provide a great atmosphere for the day. Sailing activities will be organised towards the pier as part of Dromana's celebration in the morning and perhaps a delayed start and not such a 'long course' in the afternoon. These activities will include keelboats. Please watch your e-news for further details.

On February 12th Mt Martha YC will visit for our annual challenge. Safety Beach SC currently holds the trophy, despite being outnumbered as we often are, but thanks to a superior effort by our team. We want to see every SBSC boat on the water for this race. Every boat that finishes helps us to retain the trophy. I'd like to ask a volunteer to polish up that trophy so we can hold it proud once again?

The Sail Peninsula Regatta is on February 18 & 19. Blairgowrie YS and Mornington YC have organised their own passage racing to and from Safety Beach. Our Keelboat Sub-committee is organising racing for keelboats & trailable yachts not wanting to sail these passage races. There will be off-the-beach racing on the Saturday afternoon, and Sunday morning and afternoon. Can I ask for volunteers to help as this will require a separate duty roster?

Happy New Year!

Bill Manning - Rear Commodore