



Queenscliff Lonsdale Yacht Club Inc.

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Hello members,

With the approach of the sailing season, it is appropriate to remind everyone to keep an eye on the website for the sailing program and other activities. It is fervently hoped that as many members as possible will sail, with better luck, weather-wise, than last summer. We can also bring you up to date on a few matters that you might not have caught up with yet.

AGM and Committee

The AGM was held and elected a committee as follows

Commodore	Colin Gibbs
Vice-Commodore	Frank McMahon
Rear-Commodore	Geoffrey Mathews (and House Captain)
Secretary	Joanne Ritchie
Treasurer	John Barry
Club Captain	Steve Lee
Committee members	Alison Roberts-Wray Tom Hinton (as Bosun – to look after Swan) Wendy Duncan Bel Campbell Ian Campbell Geoff Cook

You may note that only one person is continuing in their previous role, following the stepping down of many key Committee members. This is coupled with the need to update quite a lot of processes, which is proceeding at speeds depending on the difficulty of the task. For example you should have received your membership invoice in a new format, as part of a fundamental change in managing finances.

Also note that as part of a shift to new "IT" mechanisms, the club e-mail address has changed to qlyc@qlyc.org.au

At the first Committee meeting it was resolved to keep membership dues unchanged from last year, although fees for hiring the facilities for private use are changing.

Winter Races

The winter series of five races was completed with no cancellations although with a depleted fleet of 3 vessels until the last race with 5 (Sundance, Boomaroo, Tiercel, Wavedancer and Kinsale3). The results of the crew competition are

Winner	Alison Roberts-Wray
Joint runners-up	Frank and Andrew
Third	Suzie

Remember – in all our series, participation is (almost) everything.

The sailing program for next year is up on the web-site, but as always is open to modifications as the season progresses, depending on weather and cancellations etc. In this connection, one challenge is to continue running the “Try sailing” (or “Off the beach”) days despite the new requirements for “Working with Children Checks” (WWCC). It would be most appreciated if members considered obtaining such checks and volunteering to help with these activities of which 4 occasions are planned. As well as the constraints of these new rules, some of us are getting less flexible and agile with increasing age.



In addition to our sailing programme we are planning more activities and events at the club house for all members to enjoy. Special occasions for children will allow parents and grandparents to be part of a number of different water activities including dinghy sailing, kayaking and maybe we will be able to welcome pirates! Look out for musical evenings and drinks at sunset. Just beautiful.

A number of BYO BBQs are planned after races.

Finally, some dates:

- 8 October working bee
- 7 October shakedown cruise
- 14 October first race
- 21 October Opening day following early race.



Looking forward to the summer sailing and hoping to see as many members and boats as possible on the water,

Colin Gibbs (Commodore) on behalf of your Committee.