

2019 - 2020 Sailing Report

Another sailing season gone and unfortunately we had to stop the racing early and postpone the AGM due to coronavirus safety restrictions. Hope you are all keeping safe and we'll see you back sailing soon. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the sailors who won awards for the season and special congratulations to Rod and Kerry Waterhouse for winning the Masters and Grandmaster World Titles at the Hobie Cat 16 World Championships held at Captiva Island, Florida last year.

I would also like to thank the committee for making the time and effort in running the club activities during the sailing season and the members who helped out with start boat duties and the sailing side of things. Special thanks to Trevor again for continually helping with the official race results and publishing them on the website and Facebook. His great write ups on facebook provide great publicity for the club.

The numbers at club racing continue to decline. This has been happening a few years. We were only getting 4-6 boats turning up for racing last year. For this reason, many of the regular sailors have had to do multiple duties on the start boat. Many members are not turning up for racing regularly and club is not attracting new members. During the last season the committee agreed for windsurfers to join PBSC and sail at club races on Saturdays. Unfortunately, only a few paid their membership. But, it is only early days for this initiative. PBSC will fold if we keep going the way it is now, racing declining and losing members. The club is owned by the members and it will function properly and efficiently if all members chip-in and help with the club activities, including start boat duty and cleaning the boatshed yard. The club needs new energetic and enthusiastic people to take up the committee positions and introduce new ideas to the club and make the sailing more attractive and find new ways to encourage new people to join the club. I have been involved with the club since 1994, including committee duties as commodore and multiple times as race secretary. I feel it is time for me to stand-down and give the other sailors a chance to get involved. New people, new blood and new ideas. So, let me know if you are interested to take up the position of race secretary.

Because the AGM is delayed, I am now re-doing the sailing calendar for 2020-2021. The start boat duty names listed are from last years member list. The draft of the sailing calendar will be on our website very soon, so make sure you have a read at it before the AGM in August. Please contact me if you have any questions, or if your name is not on the list and you are willing to help. The club need you. I will edit the calendar before the AGM. The draft sailing calendar will be discussed at the AGM and finalised by the new committee.

Members should encourage each other to come sailing more often and attend the barbeque at the boatshed after racing. The funds from barbeque help pay the fuel for the start boat and few other little things needed in the boatshed. New committee and members should think about ways to promote the club and encourage new people to join the club so we can enjoy our sailing and racing. Coronavirus safety is now lifting slowly, but still numbers are limited and distancing rules still apply, so I suggest that we not have the Bullets Regatta this year. Its unlikely that we will get enough sailors to make the regatta profitable for the club. The commodore, Richard Lacey, is in discussions with the NSW windsurfer association about holding a windsurfer regatta from our club in October this year, so that could be a good opportunity. But this can be discussed at the AGM as well.

Before I sign off please make sure you read the notes at the bottom of the sailing calendar and also the Instruction Instructions under rules on our website.
Good luck and have fun sailing next season