

**MINUTES OF THE MERSEY YACHT CLUB INC. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON
21ST JUNE 2018 AT THE ANCHOR DRIVE CLUBROOMS.**

Commodore and Chairman Rob Sly declared the meeting open to 23 members at 7.30pm.

Apologies: Bruce Davies, Graeme Woodhouse, Andrew Ayton, Rod Ayton, Tim Grant, Audrey Loone.

Confirmation of previous minutes

That the minutes of the previous AGM held on 21st June 2017, having been distributed, be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.

Moved: B Marshall

Seconded: Jacques Sapir

Carried.

Commodore's Report 2017/2018 Season

The old adage of how time flies is no more relevant than the first 12 months of my role as Commodore of the MYC. What an exciting time it has been. Thank you for the opportunity to continue for another year. I wish to welcome the new members to the board and thank the retiring members for their contribution to the administration of the MYC

Infrastructure works and seeking grant money have been a major focus of mine this year and we are gaining momentum with the approaching Melbourne to Devonport (Rudder Cup) 26th December and the Oceania Australian Championships 1st January 2019 until the 9th January 2019.

By leveraging off the Laser championships and Rudder cup so far this year we have been successful in receiving substantial grants and sponsorship. A lot of this funding will result in long term legacy infrastructure for the club well after the event is finished.

Devonport City Council \$3,000 Rudder Cup event

Devonport City Council \$7,912 Rescue boat funding.

Tasmanian Government \$70,000 infrastructure funding

WinC donated a \$6,000 colour copier, printer .scanner

A huge thank you to our local Member Adam Brooks for his efforts in getting this major funding boost and his ongoing support for the Laser titles with his approaches to TT Line and government departments to assist us with the logistics of such a major event.

I am currently working on further funding opportunities that I hope will come to fruition. Thank you to our sponsors Marshall Engineering, Lion Nathan and others mentioned later in the report that have helped us greatly and we are very grateful to all the support we get from the business community.

Infrastructure works initially started with a cleaning blitz and setting a program of regular cleaning for the kitchen which now has upgraded gas lines to handle the new stove. The tired looking entrance has been painted and cleaned. The rotten thread bare carpet in the entrance will be replaced in the next few weeks. The walls in the function room have had a minimal repaint to make the area look smarter.

The ladies toilets were in a very poor state but have now had a make-over with new LED lighting, missing tiles replaced, walls patched, a new coat of paint is in progress, new shower curtain rails, toilet seats, paper roll holders and a hand wash soap dispenser. Thanks go to Andrew Ayton, Michael Brookes, We have also started on the men's toilets make-over. New soap dispenser, hand dryer, toilet paper holders and new toilet

bowl to replace a broken unit have so far been done. At a recent working bee the walls in the change rooms have had the flaking paint removed thanks to Lance Burton and are ready for painting.

Thanks to Graeme Brown for fitting a plate across the gap for the lift. He has also been doing repairs to cradles in the slipway, repairing benches in the change rooms and is working toward new stainless benchtops in the kitchen. His skills and efforts are valuable to the club.

We have also installed a hand washing station in the slip way to minimise the mess that has been going into the toilets. Thank you to Andrew Ayton for mounting the double sink and Steve O'Neal for a big effort fitting the water and drains. I would however appreciate the person who took the brand new bottle of heavy duty hand cleaner to return it for the people it was intended.

Some of you may have noticed lots of coiled up blue wire around the clubroom. We have Chris King to thank for his big effort of upgrading our IT cabling. We are a third of the way though a complete update of all our IT, phone, PA, Point of sale and security cabling to the latest cat6E standard. This will bring the club up to standard and vastly improve our IT capabilities that are needed for staging an event such as the Oceania Laser Titles. Chris has also acquired us a data cabinet large enough to satisfy the clubs IT needs for many years. I have a new POS scanning system in the works

A big team effort has gone into the rebuilding of the slipway wedge. Stephen O'Neil led the charge putting in many hours with Rod Ayton assisting and several other members helping. I want to thank Tony Dyke also for his generosity by offering to have the wedge sandblasted and painted.

Finally after several years we have a working lift for access to the function room.

Thanks to grant money the club's rescue boat Bailey is currently away being fitted with a pair of Yamaha 70 hp 4 stroke motors to replace the 15 year old 60 hp Mariners.

We have additional works in progress to reinforce the remaining marina. Three additional piles will be driven and brackets fitted. Thank you to John Weller from TasSpan for assisting the club throughout the year with advice and plans for the boat ramp, slipway and marina. All done at no cost to our club. We are very grateful.

We have also purchased a RIB which will be a much better vessel for conducting junior sail training. The vessel will be named GRANT in recognition of the Grant family, who for generations have tirelessly contributed to the MYC and sail training. I am very keen to see the promotion of learn to sail and try sailing to encourage new members and families into this amazing sport.

So far this year we have hosted training Sessions for the Tasmanian Laser Association, the Tasmanian State Laser Championships and the State B14 Championships. I would like to thank Brian Fumage for the hours he spent creating a flag signalling stand, for his incredible generosity in giving his time over five days and for use of his magnificent yacht Signalmaster as the official boat for the two carnivals. He also helped out with the ABC media for the Rudder Cup. Tim Grant and Clyde Eastaugh acted as race officers and the ever reliable Tony Jamieson assisted by Greg Wright and Andrew Ayton spent many hours on the water laying the courses for the racing. A mammoth task and a great effort by all involved on and off the water.

A huge thank you once again goes to the tireless Jamieson family. For many years now the MYC has leaned on the selfless contribution of Kerily Jamieson's catering meals, snacks, breakfasts and barbeques for the club members and guests week after week. Thank you also to Gaylene and Jim Gore for the assistance they regularly give in the kitchen.

Tony Jamieson and helpers have manned the club rescue boat Bailey for hundreds of hours during the club sailing calendar Rudder cup, State titles, and training days. He has also completed race officer training to ensure the MYC has a qualified officer to allow us to retain our Sailing Australia accreditation. Again, these contributions are repeated every year. Thank you.

A lot of effort and planning went into this year's Rudder Cup. Lyn Milton from ROCV, Tony Jamieson, Mike Castles and myself met regularly and our aim is to see this event grow in the future and we were rewarded with the best event for many years and a good base to build upon.

Fourteen boats stayed over and were greeted with cold beer, hot pies and a food hamper of local produce from the NW region. We had a big marquee which we erected with volunteer club members and a live band that had the crowd up and dancing into the night. Through sponsorship from the Devonport City Council, Solid Property Group, Coopers Brewery and National Pies all outgoings were covered and a good profit flowed into the clubs coffers. The club was \$7,500 better off and a great deal of good will and enthusiasm was generated for this year's Rudder Cup. Thank you to the members that volunteered, who helped to make this event a success and showed our visitors the "renowned MYC hospitality." Quote from the ROCV website.

Oceania Australian Laser Championships 1st January -9th January 2019.

This will be the largest sailing event ever held at the MYC. It is already proving to be a massive money maker for the club which we can use for long term infrastructure. What we will make from bar and food sales over the eight days of the event is pure speculation but we are expecting 250 plus laser competitors and 500 or more support people. I expect an event of this size will generate the MYC a great deal of publicity and interest from the general public. We have a great deal to achieve in the next six months and we need as many members as possible to assist. We can make this a huge winner for the future of the MYC. Please ensure you take a copy of the project management plan and consider what you can offer to support the project.

I wish to thank my fellow board members for their at times spirited debate and generosity, giving the MYC their time and experience. Special mention to past Commodore Mark Stevenson who is leaving the board after many years of service. It has been a great help to me to have you stay on and support the MYC. Well done on a great job and enjoy your retirement. Thank you also to Graeme Woodhouse for taking on the Licensee role after the passing of Butch. To the members of the board that take on the additional officer roles, Brian Marshall treasurer, Tony Jamieson vice Commodore I am very grateful. To Mike Castles as board minutes officer and club Manager a big thank you for the additional help you have given me throughout the year with grants submissions.

I acknowledge the sad passing of several club members this year. A great loss to the MYC this year was Gordon Horsham (Butch), a Life member of the club and for many years he held the licensee role and worked tirelessly on many boards and in the bar of the MYC. Also the Horsham's family sadly had the double loss of a long term member in Alan Horsham. Alan was an exceptionally good sailor and renowned boat builder. Our work boat is named the Horsham in recognition of their contribution to the MYC. Brian Coates unfortunately also passed away this year. We lost a popular member around the bar and a keen sailor and crew of Andrew Ayton's on Calypso. Our condolences go to their families and all others that have lost people close to them.

It is a difficult task to summarise and remember everyone who contributes to the MYC because there will always be people that are missed. To all the others I thank you and apologise for not acknowledging your efforts. Be assured that without these people that quietly stand up and assist the club would not survive. To summarise my highlight's of the year: These were when people came forward and volunteered. The guys that helped put up and take down the marquee. The people that volunteer behind the bar. The help I was so generously given to run the state titles. The help at working bees and the sense of achievement. It is nice to see the club looking better. But there is a great deal more to do in preparation for a big party starting on the 26th of December through to the 9th January. So jump on board, please volunteer and help your club. We have exciting times ahead.

Rob Sly, Commodore

I formally move the adoption of my report.

Seconded: Mark Stephenson

Carried.

Vice Commodore's report.

VC Tony Jamieson thanked all those who helped with the season's events and Sponsors, Marshall Engineering and Terry Travers for their ongoing support.

He reminded members that the approaching Laser Championships would also be an Olympic selection event. The Championships would have two races being conducted simultaneously.

VC Jamieson urged would be volunteers to consider obtaining some training which he is able to facilitate.

He made special mention Commodore Sly's successful grant raising efforts.

Thank you to Brian Fumage for his assistance and supplying his boat for the duration of the State Titles.

That the Vice Commodore's Report be accepted.

Moved: Tony Jamieson

Seconded: Gaylene Gore

Carried.

Treasurer's report

Treasurer Brian Marshall tabled the Audited Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Statement.

He thanked all members for their support and stated the Club will continue to use its funds for the best results. Refer attached statements.

Returning Officers Report 2018/2019

The following nominations were received: -

Patron: Graham Kent

Vice Patron: No Nominations

Commodore: Robert Sly

Vice Commodore: Tony Jamieson

Rear Commodore: No Nominations

Management Committee: Lance Harvey, Lance Burton, Mark Bernhard

Returning Officer: Tim Grant

As the number of nominations received was equal or less than the number of vacant positions an election was not required.

Tim Grant

Returning Officer

Appointment of Auditor

That Don Willing and Associates be appointed Auditor for 2018/19.

Moved: T Travers

Seconded: T Jamieson

Carried.

Subscriptions

A recommendation from the Committee was read.

That the annual subscription be, Family \$370, Senior \$310, Crew/OOP/RBR/Veteran \$185, Assoc/Jnr \$55.

Moved: L Harvey

Seconded: P Newman

Carried.

General business

Life membership- That Rodney Ayton be granted Life Membership.

Moved: Jacques Sapir

Seconded: Peter Newman

Commodore called for a show of hands of those in favour.

Carried unanimously.

Marina- David Burcham updated the meeting. Site of previous marina has a rating of 11 knots which is making it difficult for engineers to design a replacement structure in that location. TasPorts are currently preparing a master plan for their river use. When this is available we are hoping that an opportunity to build a new marina north of our current leased area may be possible. This area has a lower rating and may offer an alternative for the fishing fleet as well. A concept plan has been put to TasPorts and State Government. Mr Burcham went on to suggest that consideration should be given to submitting a DA featuring the northern option which would require all other effected parties to respond.

Laser Championships- Commodore asked all to view the draft of requirements/progress and consider getting involved as a volunteer. He stressed that many positives had already be seen and much more will come as a result of our hosting this event and we should be trying to maximise our profits.

Appreciation and close- Commodore thanked all those present for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 8.40 pm.