



THE COMMODORE

NEWSLETTER

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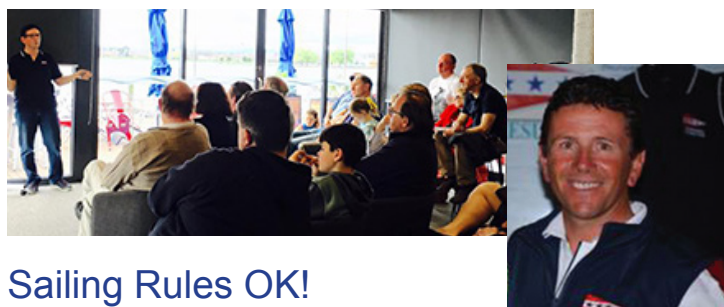
Yes, it's that time of the year again, time to dig out the old sailing gear, you might just get one more season out of it before it falls apart!

Now that the Yacht Club renovation is finished, its time to enjoy Wayne and Bree's hard work over the winter break. The club is looking amazing and with that brings a lot of interest back to the club.

There have been several new boats purchased over winter a Jubilee, two Lasers and a Paper Tiger. It's great to see several old members return to the club after not being around it for the past 10 years welcome back.

Annual General Meeting

I would like to thank all the members of the Ballaarat Yacht Club for the great turn out in numbers at the AGM, it was good to see so many people taking an active interest in the club.



Sailing Rules OK!

A big thank you must go to Brian Case from Four Winds Marine for the fantastic rules afternoon on Saturday 10th September. We were delighted to have almost 50 members turn up and everyone went home learning something new. The afternoon went for was a huge success with no one falling asleep after 3 hours- it must be a record ...

Thanks again Brian we all learnt something which will help us have a successful and safe sailing season.

*Looking forward to having a great 2016-17 season.
Neville Bilney*



Di Weatherly and Hannah Shaw welcomed to our Committee

THE BYC COMMITTEE 2016-17

Commodore	Neville Bilney
Vice Commodore	Colin Littlejohn
Safety Officer	
Discover Sailing Centre Principal	
Rear Commodore	Eric Johnston
Club Captain	
Immediate Past Commodore	Lesley Davies
Social Media	
Treasurer	Brian Canny
Assistant Treasurer	Russell Hawkes
Secretary	Cynthia Davidson
Junior Development	Charles Weatherly
History & Archives, Valdera	Michael Morrow
Volunteer co-ordination & Grants.	Ron Stead
Race Committee chairperson	Jason Hegert
History & Archives	Quinton Wilkinson
Sailability	John McKean
Lake Wendouree Aquatic Association Representative	Rohan Allen
Membership & merchandise	Di Weatherly
Women in Sailing	Hannah Shaw

DATES for your DIARY

September 24

A WORKING BEE STARTING AT 10.00 AM WITH A FREE BBQ LUNCH.

There is a bit to get through including; grass to be mowed, rubbish to remove, tyres to be inflated on the trolleys, new storage racks to be installed in the green and laser sheds, organisation and cleaning of the upstairs race officials room, checking of the rescue boats.

October 1

First race, a warm up race.

October 8

First pennant race. This season we are going to have a roster for both the Course/Start boat crews and the race management. This way everyone gets a chance to learn something new and everyone gets the chance to sail safely. We will provide drivers for the boats.

October 15

Stawell club visiting and we are going to return to Lake Fynes on Sunday the 16th of October.

October 29

The official opening day.



The Commodore's Lounge usage BYC Members

Just to clarify some rules for our fabulous new space!

The Commodore's Lounge is available for use by BYC members at the following times ONLY during the sailing season:

- > Thursday evenings,
- > Friday evenings,
- > Saturday all day and;

> on 'other' sailing days and social functions.

Members do not have unrestricted access at any other time, unless by prior arrangement with the caterer.

The same applies to Committee members with the exception that access and usage may be arranged prior with the caterers for meetings or gatherings of members on club business.

If the Lounge is booked for an outside function, we will not have access, there are other areas in the club that can be utilised for small meetings.

Bear in mind that the bar in the lounge will not be manned other than by prior arrangement apart from club and other functions.

We are very fortunate to have this facility available, it has cost a lot of money and it needs to provide a return on investment when not in use by the club.

We are all welcome at all times in the general area and a booking for a table is easily made.