



SEAHORSE elwood sailing club newsletter



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1. AGM Friday 17th August at 7.30PM - supper will be provided

2. Membership renewal forms have been mailed to ALL members. If any member has not received can they please contact Brian Clarke or Mark Foster

3. Fees are payable by 31st August to qualify for \$50 rebate

Opening Day Sunday 30th September

Commodore's Report

As the end of this committee's tenure comes to a close it seems to be a reasonable time to reflect on what has been achieved.

A significant distraction this year has been the proposed bike path in front of the club. This was viewed by all members of ESC as an issue to fight against, and the club and several individual members tried to persuade the Port Phillip Council that this was a poor plan and in most eyes, "a disaster waiting to happen". What we didn't know at the time was that all efforts were wasted as there was to be NO change to the council plans. Although we lost this battle, this single issue has united the club and also strengthened our relationship with our neighbouring clubs, in particular the Angling Club and the Life Saving Club.

Once General Committee realized that fighting the proposal was useless, we tried to make the best out of what we still consider to be a bad decision. Although still in a "concept" phase, the council has agreed with several of our proposals. These include

- A one way access road around the three clubs, with access to the rear of ESC
- Works to the main beach access ramp to allow all weather access
- Works the access ramp to the north of the Angling Club jetty to decrease the gradient

- Garden and seating at the ESC entrance.

Our on water activities this year included the Top of the Bay Regatta and The A Class Catamaran State Championships. Both of these regattas were run well and were a credit to our Race Management Teams and Volunteers. Similarly our normal club programs were also run well and on time. On behalf of the Club, I would like to single out couple of club volunteers who have worked tirelessly for the club and have lifted our race management standards significantly, and ask them to accept our many thanks for jobs well done over the course of the season. Jos Ales – Race Control, John Dodd – Race Starter and Ken Robertson – Patrol Boats, thank you.

Another significant step for the club is the re-emergence of a junior fleet. We now have 2 junior members with their own Sabot's and they, as well as quite a few other juniors, are emerging from our Sailing School and will compete in club races. I also understand that we may be expanding our Sabot fleet with other juniors buying boats for the coming season. This is fantastic, and a direct result of our training programs and the introduction of the pre-race training program. Also the introduction of the "sleep over" weekend was a high light of the junior program – a big thanks to Daisy Frey, James Rudolph, Erin Foster, Jos Ales and parents who helped with the catering.



Our junior training fleet has been increasing over the last 12 months. By the start of the coming season our training fleet shall consist of 9 Sabots (5 fibreglass) & 10 Optimists. This should enable the club to market the training programs a little broader and hopefully, increase the number of junior members as a result.

Unfortunately the health of our sponsored classes and the long term projection for the strength of our club fleet is not so bright. As classes, the Dolphin and National E are treading water albeit that the E fleet at ESC is quite strong and the Dolphins are a dedicated bunch. The number of 125's. Paper Tigers and perhaps Sabres seems to have declined in club race participation. The A-Class seems to be stable.

If the club is to survive we must have active class participation and growth. This is why GC decided to support the Formula 15 Class. It is new and it will grow as a class and hopefully its growth will be at ESC. We also need sponsored classes to market themselves and try to increase their numbers in the active club fleet.

In February 2008, ESC will host the Sabre Victorian Championships. The Sabre would be one of the strongest classes in Australia. We are expecting a fleet of 50 to 80 boats at the Victorian Championships. At ESC we have 20 Sabres registered, if only they would all sail a bit more regularly. Hopefully our exposure to the Victorian Championships may persuade more Sabres to join ESC and also expand our club fleet.

This year we introduced a brief "Winter Season" for those that wanted to sail during the winter months. It was a 'spur of the moment' idea that was not well publicized, but has been

reasonably well attended and by all reports will most probably become a regular programmed event.

The Social program for last season was quite extensive and sometimes experimental. Some worked well, others worked far better than expectations. All the social functions made a financial loss, but this will be hopefully be turned around by members increased participation. The social program has been set for the new season and will build on last year. I would encourage all members to attend a few more functions than last year and bring your family and friends. The key to a successful social function is simply numbers attending. Please try to support the Social Committee by booking early.

We have received many comments regarding the cost of Presentation Night. Please note that the total cost was subsidised by the club, and at \$50 per person did not cover the costs for the evening. For next year the cost will be reduced and the format changed.

You may have noticed that the appearance and cleanliness of the club has improved over the season. The tiles were cleaned by members at a working bee, carpet has been replaced and we have employed AMC Cleaning to clean the club. The cleaning schedule as been increased to include the BBQ, Kitchen (Oven), Tower and Committee Room. We have purchased new mats to reduce sand flow to the upstairs areas. In general the scope of the cleaning regime has been increased as has the cost.

We also had a post season clean up at the club and filled a 6 meter skip full of junk from the boat shed and removed a trailer load of sand from the boat shed floor. Members please note that the boat shed and outside storage

area are not extensions to your garage nor dumping grounds for your junk. Those of you who have racks or lockers in the boat shed, kindly restrict your equipment to your designated space and take home any 'spares'. The removal of all the junk not only improved the look of the boat shed it also improved the storage capability of the facility.

By now all financial members should have received their membership renewal forms. If not, please contact Ted Masur immediately.

In closing, I have come to the conclusion that the committee has been a relatively active committee throughout the last 12 months. We have spent a lot of money on boats, equipment, repairs, and cleaning and general club improvements. I also think that the club has a lot to show for our efforts and all members can take advantage of the improvements. Also the future master plan is taking shape.

I would like to thank all members of General Committee. In particular I want to thank Joseph Picone who has been a fantastic support to me personally and to Sandra Feeney who has worked tirelessly on the Social Committee. I also want to thank James Rudolph who has been a fantastic Secretary and "IT Manager". James has decided to step down from the Committee so that he can focus on his studies. I am quite sure that James has made the right decision, as I am sure that James is a future Commodore.

Regards

Mark Foster
Commodore



Editorial

It seems that the newsletter is becoming a rare event! I will own up – it takes time and I have been slack.

BUT

It would be great to have more to publish!!!

Anyone is welcome to contribute. Photos, articles, stories and news are always welcome. Please send items to Tim Dorning at:

tdorning@stmichaels.vic.edu.au

I promise to edit sparingly.

I hear that the Winter Series has been a bit of fun with some sailors taking the opportunity to sail a different boat. Or to learn how to capsize a different boat. Luckily the water doesn't get too cold in the bay over winter.

Please advertise Opening Day and the social calendar widely – let's get everyone back on the water and involved at the club this year!

Sailboard News

With the summer sailing season well and truly over most sailboarders have turned to their many winter activities to find their adrenaline shot in the arm. For those brave enough we've had some winter blusters worthy of a sail, but these have required a very thick wet suit.

Congratulations to John "Air" Morgan for winning the 06/07 summer series sailboarding trophy. John accepted his award in front of a table of his peers at the ESC presentation night. It was a great night with sailboarders mixing with dinghy sailors spinning some great yarns.



Again thank you for those who helped out at the working bee, the club got a much deserved tidy up. There was a lot of reminiscing of times past when we sacrificed numerous one piece fibreglass masts to the sailboarding gods.

Finally don't forget if you are keen for surf there is a group of us who head to the west coast most Saturdays for a wave. Send me an email or text (0438 047784) on Friday nights and I will let you know if we are heading down.

See you at the AGM.

Ben Dixon

FOR SALE

A classic timber National E

Contact Mark Foster for details





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Elwood Sailing Club Social Events Calendar 2007/2008

Saturday 29/09/07	Grand Final Day
Sunday 30/09/07	Opening Day BBQ
Friday 19/10/07	Early Halloween Party
Tuesday 6/11/07	Melbourne Cup Day
Friday 23/09/07	Mexican Night
Saturday 15/12/07	Xmas Party
16 & 17/02/08	Juniors Live-in Weekend
Friday 14/03/08	Cocktail Party
Friday 11/04/07	Trivia Night
Saturday 19/04/08	End of Season "S" Party
Saturday 17/05/08	Presentation Night

Please mark all dates in your diary now – details will follow shortly.



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ELWOOD SAILING CLUB TROPHY ALLOCATION 2006/2007

Rear Commodore

Prizes

A Class	1st	Sail No	Boat Name	Skipper	
		874	Ulysses	Rob Watt	
	2nd	-----	-----	-----	
Dolphin	1st	Sail No	Boat Name	Skipper	
		326	Bobcat	Robert Roache	
	2nd	318	Bete Noir	Davan West	
Paper Tiger	1st	Sail No	Boat Name	Skipper	
		2852	Virtual Reality	Alan White	
	2nd	-----	-----	-----	
National E	1st	Sail No	Boat Name	Skipper	Crew
		556	Petronella	Will Jones	Graeme Martin
	2nd	503	Kaos	Brian Clarke	Ken Sherry
125	1st	Sail No	Boat Name	Skipper	Crew
		3126	Luna Sea	Robert McQuade	Alison Penington
	2nd	-----	-----	-----	-----
Sabre	1st	Sail No	Boat Name	Skipper	
		1470	True Colours	Paul Stamp	
	2nd	1581	T Bear	Alan Carlisle	
Formula 15	1st	Sail No	Boat Name	Skipper	Crew
		02	Formulator	Nick Major	0
	2nd	-----	-----	-----	-----



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Vice Commodore

Prizes

A Class		Sail No	Boat Name	Skipper	
1st		646	A Class Act	Ken Robinson	
2nd		-----	-----	-----	
Dolphin		Sail No	Boat Name	Skipper	
1st		316	Bon Vivant	Ted Masur	
2nd		294	Last Thrust	John Hanby	
Paper Tiger		Sail No	Boat Name	Skipper	
1st		3013	Rampage 2	Randal Garnham	
2nd		-----	-----	-----	
National E		Sail No	Boat Name	Skipper	Crew
1st		565	Miss Chief	Rick De Jong	Steve Farmer
2nd		536	Tangara	John Frey	Daisy Frey
125		Sail No	Boat Name	Skipper	Crew
1st		3058	Nitro Cow	Rob Anderson	Sandra Feeney
2nd		-----	-----	-----	-----
Sabre		Sail No	Boat Name	Skipper	
1st		1346	Touche	Brian Adeney	
2nd		1416	Sea Soar	David Wilkinson	
Formula 15		Sail No	Boat Name	Skipper	Crew
1st		08	Metro Kitchens	Justin Zattelman	James Rudolph
2nd		-----	-----	-----	-----



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Prizes

A Class		Sail No	Boat Name	Skipper	
	1st	646	A Class Act	Ken Robinson	
	2nd	-----	-----	-----	
Dolphin		Sail No	Boat Name	Skipper	
	1st	316	Bon Vivant	Ted Masur	
	2nd	321	Mac-a-Tack	John McDonald	
Paper Tiger		Sail No	Boat Name	Skipper	
	1st	3013	Rampage 2	Randal Garnham	
	2nd	-----	-----	-----	
National E		Sail No	Boat Name	Skipper	Crew
	1st	565	Miss Chief	Rick De Jong	Sue Farmer
	2nd	557	Mister E	Mark Foster	James O'Reilly
125		Sail No	Boat Name	Skipper	Crew
	1st	3058	Nitro Cow	Rob Anderson	Sandra Feeney
	2nd	-----	-----	-----	-----
Sabre		Sail No	Boat Name	Skipper	
	1st	1544	Ripple	Brian Proven	
	2nd	1416	Sea Soar	David Wilkinson	
Formula 15		Sail No	Boat Name	Skipper	Crew
	1st	007	Mr Bond	Jim Scott	Heath Maconachie
	2nd	-----	-----	-----	-----
Sabot	1st	James Grose			
	2nd	Matthew Dorning			
	3rd	Mikhaila Picone			



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Class Champion

Prizes

A Class	1st	Sail No 646	Boat Name A Class Act	Skipper Ken Robinson	
Dolphin	1st	Sail No 316	Boat Name Bon Vivant	Skipper Ted Masur	
Paper Tiger	1st	Sail No 3013	Boat Name Rampage 2	Skipper Randal Garnham	
National E	1st	Sail No 565	Boat Name Miss Chief	Skipper Rick De Jong	Crew Sue Farmer
125	1st	Sail No 3058	Boat Name Nitro Cow	Skipper Rob Anderson	Crew Sandra Feeney
Sabre	1st	Sail No 1544	Boat Name Ripple	Skipper Brian Proven	
Formula 15	1st	Sail No 007	Boat Name Mr Bond	Skipper Jim Scott	Crew Heath Maconachie

Miscellaneous Classes

Prizes	Sail No	Boat	Skipper	Crew	
		Sail No	Boat Name	Skipper	Crew
Misc A	1st	629	Miss Match	Rick De Jong	Steve Farmer
	2nd	-----	-----	-----	-----



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Champions

Dolphin Aggregate	316	Bon Vivant	Ted Masur Randal
PT Aggregate	3013	Rampage 2	Garnham
Veteran	646	A Class Act	Ken Robinson
Female Sailor	536	Tangara	Daisy Frey
Bill Mac Trophy	316	Bon Vivant	Ted Masur
Training Certificates			
Club person of the year		Ken Robinson	
Patrol Boats		Scott Barnett	John Dodd michael Kusel
		Louise Officer	Scott Star Diana Cameron
		Harrison	

Champion of Champions

E	565	Miss Chief	Rick De Jong	Sue Farmer
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