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**Elwood Sailing
Club Polo Shirts
\$22**

Commodore's Report

At the time of writing, Xmas is looming and time is running out for most things, but things still have to be done.

Over all the Club has had a relatively successful start to the season, but let's back track a little to Winter. In June and July ESC ran an inaugural winter series, with a few hardy souls enjoying the winter sunshine and good sailing conditions. The general verdict was that the Winter Series will probably become a regular event, and in fact has been scheduled on this season's racing calendar.

We have also introduced a Twilight Series, based on Thursday evenings during daylight saving. Again refer to the racing calendar for dates. We have run 4 before Xmas, and these have been well patronised by both sailors and board sailors. 4 more are scheduled in the New Year, so if you haven't ventured down on a Thursday evening, why not give it a go?

Saturday Sailing has also been varied a little this year with the introduction of a Stern Chaser series and also a Marathon. The Club Championship and Aggregate races are still in place. Over-all, the Race fleet has been quite numerous - particularly with the better weather conditions.

On the Sailing front, I feel that the club is experiencing good sailing with increasing fleet numbers.

Our Sailboard members are a function of available lockers, and basically the lockers are FULL with a waiting list. I have got to know some of these characters, and am glad to have done so. The Sail Boarders are running the Bar for the Twilight Series for ALL members, and the concept of the Twilight Series was in fact introduced by the Sail Boarders. Thanks, and keep up the good work.

We have introduced an electronic key, and made the old club key redundant. The new electronic key logs member's entry so we will have an idea of who is at the club on non-race days. The keys cost \$20 (and they are water proof), and are obtainable from Ted Masur. If you want a key contact Ted and make arrangements for a mutually agreeable time.

At this time we are investigating further electronic locks in the Club, and this in turn will require all members to have a club key in due course.

We had a few thefts last year that I am all but positive were committed by persons with club keys. The new electronic key will help reduce the anonymity of members using the club after normal hours.



This year we have suffered an attempted theft of the TV and also some vandalism. This was due to the access stairs to the balcony being left unlocked. Members please be security conscious, and don't leave doors open for others to close.

Those of you that have had a quiet drink at the Club Bar will note that pricing on some items (in particular WINES) has been reduced. I feel that the bar prices are quite reasonable - Light Beer - \$2.50, VB - \$3.50 - Crown and other Premium and imported beers - \$4.50 - Bottles of Wine \$15, single serve red & white \$4.50 and Sparkling \$5.00 plus all sorts of snack foods.

The Club Social events have been well patronised, and have actually broken even or made a small profit. The emphasis is for members to have a bit of fun, and it appears that those attending are. The Social events are listed on the Club Calendar, so I look forward to seeing you at the next event!

We have been successful (thanks to Joseph Picone) in obtaining a grant for the rear extension. The works will start as soon as possible. This will cause the inevitable disruption to various members and the general running of the club. We will all have to live with it, as the end result will definitely assist the club as a whole.

To those of you heading off to Nationals - good luck and good sailing

Merry Xmas & Happy New Year

Mark Foster

Vice Commodore's Report

A great season is progressing well with new initiatives being instigated throughout the club. Mark has led the club admirably with he and Fay putting in countless hours in an attempt to make the Club more enjoyable for all.
Well Done!

Yes we have a permit for the rear extension and the City Of Port Phillip has approved funds to meet half the Financial commitment required. Council's contribution will be \$35,000 (including GST) Our plan is to start the works early in the New Year with storage for Windsurfers, Patrol Boats and Training Boats being greatly enhanced. A terrific result for the Club and I thank all those who have supported the process.

More Grants

The Australian Government Attorney General's Department has announced that our Application for the Small Grants Programme for the National Community Crime Prevention Programme has been approved for \$3764.24 Ex GST

Elwood Community Bank Sponsorship application to the Elwood Community Bank has been successful and an amount of \$2395 + GST has been approved for the purchase of an optimist for our training Squad.

We encourage all members to make use of our facilities. Free coffee & tea is available at the club all week. All members & Friends are invited to help themselves to a cuppa. Kids Corner is opened. Please help members to use and keep clean the facilities. Any Donations towards Kids Corner will be appreciated.

The current storage allocation is on the notice board. Feel free to talk to me regarding your entitlement.

Elwood Seahorse: Plaque & Historical information required ??? We need volunteers to take this project under their wing and complete the display of the magnificent Seahorse. Your efforts will be on display for Decades to come!

We Want You!!!

We need volunteers to help assist in all aspects of running the Club. If you wish to get involved (before you are conscripted) come see me and I will find you a Task.

Have a safe and Merry Christmas

Joseph Picone

Editorial

Firstly, apologies to anyone who was waiting to send an article and did not get a reminder. Please feel free to send contributions at any time – I will keep them for publication in the next newsletter. This especially applies to class representatives!

Good luck to all who are competing over the Christmas break – why not write a piece for the next Seahorse so that you can share what you have learnt and share the gossip?

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

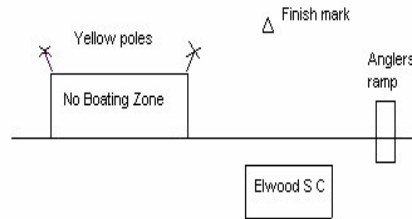
I promise to edit sparingly.

Please make sure that you are on the list of financial members at the back of this newsletter! If not – you know what to do!



The Club Master plan

Following last night's committee meeting I have been asked to include a request from me for help in furthering the " Club Masterplan ". Specifically, following the sketches produced by Andy and well received by the members at the AGM, we need to firm up the design and produce some non-binding estimates of cost of various elements of the plan. This next phase is outside Andy's scope, so we need help. This is a paying job. If any member can help, or has connections that may be able to help, that would also be appreciated. I can be contacted on 0417 356 025 or email bill@greenliving.com.au Thanks, Will Jones, Petronella E556.



We would like to extend a big welcome to the new members and look forward to seeing you on the water.

Finally don't forget if you are keen for surf there is a group of us who head to the west coast most Saturdays/Sundays 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 on the water
Ben & Paul

Sailboard News

With the summer season well and truly upon us, Sailboarders have hit the bay in mass. There has been already numerous +18kt days for Elwood sailboarders to get out on the water and practice those new moves.

As yet we haven't had any reasonable breezes for the Thursday twilight series; however this hasn't stopped sailboarding members coming down and enjoying a beer and sausage while watching the dinghy sailors battle it out. The twilight series will continue during January and February with prizes for the most improved/creative sailor over the season.

With summer being a busy time at Elwood beach we would like to remind all sailboarders of the "no boating zone" located between the 2 yellow poles. Please avoid sailing in this area as it is illegal...

ESC Polo Shirts

Want to look good on the beach this summer? Then buy yourself an Elwood Sailing Club Polo Shirt. They come in all sizes and cost \$22. See Committee members to purchase.

Volunteer Conduct

Unfortunately there are members of ESC that are verbally aggressive towards our volunteers. The issue here is not whether or not the volunteer has done the right or wrong thing, the issue is how we handle these matters so that we do not get the direct confrontation with member vs volunteer. Moving forward, the correct conduct for managing any issues is to put it in writing to GC or a member of GC. By this mechanism GC gets to know of the problem, and has the chance to rectify and also we minimize the member to volunteer confrontation.

FOR SALE

The fastest boat in the club. (If only the skipper would get out on that wire downwind)!



Forget those A - Class training wheels!

49er For Sale – AUS 204 \$8500

Two masts, 4 spinnakers, 3 mains, 2 jibs, beach trolley.



Financial Members

Adney	Brian
Arnold	Rob
Baker	David
Banks	Duncan
Borsje	John
Boublik	Jaroslav
Carlisle	Alan
Carr	Daniel
Chalko	Phillip
Clarke	Brian
Cole	Brian
Craig	Geoff
Crimeen	Steve
Curtis	Paul
De Jong	Rick
Dixon	Ben
Dodd	John
Dorning	Tim
East	Graeme
Elliott	Alan
Ellis	Jack
Everly	Murray
Farmer	Neil
Fickers	Bruce
Finger	Craig
Fitcher	Bruce
Foster	Mark
Frey	John
Garnham	Randal
Goodin	Alistair
Grant	Cameron
Greenwood	Clive
Grose	James
Hammond	Dale
Hanby	John
Hawkins	Charlie
Hayden	Justin
Hayes	Andrew
Henderson	Peter
Heywood	Chris
Jones	Chris
Kent	Peta
Kurth	Stan
Labb	Pros
Lee	Warwick
Lewis	Tony
Lyford	Graham
MacGregor	Duncan
Major	Nick
Martin	Graeme

Masur	Ted
McDonald	John
McGregor	John
McNamara	Tess
McPhail	Bruce
McPherson	Duncan
McQuade	Robert
Morgan	John
Mulholland	David
Newbury	Gordon
Nugent	David
O'Reilly	James
Osinga	Dan
Patterson	Russell
Perlow	Mark
Persson	Steven
Picone	Joseph
Potter	Philip
Proven	Bryan
Pruden	John
Pyers	John
Randall	Michael
Reid	John
Roache	Bob
Roache	Edmund
Roberts	Neil
Robinson	Ken
Royal	Harry
Rudolph	James
Sargood	Chris
Scott	Jim
Sheard	Gary
Sherman	Peter
Stamp	Paul
Stewart	Jeremy
Symonds	Dave
Till	Christopher
Tonner	Matt
Toovey	Phillip
Toronis	Con
Wagner	Helmut
Watt	Rob
West	Davan
White	Mark
White	Alan
Wilkinson	David
Wischer	Paul
Wold	Mike
Woodward	Andy
Zattelman	Justin
Zattelman	Alex