

PARKDALE YACHT CLUB

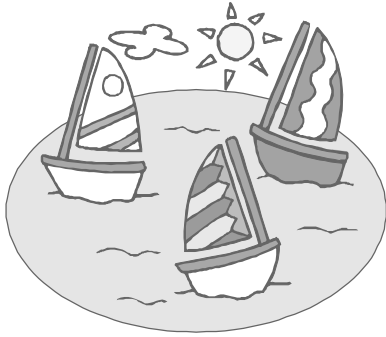
PRESENTATION LUNCH
&
QUARTERLY GENERAL MEETING
SUNDAY 29th MAY 2005 - 12.00PM

COST
ADULTS \$20.00ea.
CHILDREN UNDER 6 FREE
PRIMARY & SECONDARY STUDENTS \$10.
UNI. STUDENTS NO CONCESSION SORRY.

**INCLUDES 4 COURSE MEAL AND FREE
WINE AND PRE-LUNCH DRINK ON
ARRIVAL & SOFT DRINK FOR CHILDREN**

**WE MUST HAVE DEFINITE NUMBERS FOR
THE CATERERS PLEASE RESPOND BY
18TH MAY 2005.**

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JUNIOR SAILING REPORT

Junior sailors have been having a busy time at the Club over recent weeks with lots of different activities happening and conditions on the whole being great for our younger members.

The biggest news has been the recent State Minnow Championships held over the Labour Weekend.

Wow - what a weekend!

Jack & Tess Lloyd, Lucy and Tyler Symons, Georgia Clayfield and Tim Cummings represented Parkdale with many fine individual performances. In a 3 day event of varied weather conditions from millpond to surf, all sailors achieved by pushing themselves in the sometimes challenging conditions.

Tyler received 3rd place in the Novice Division, Tess 3rd place in Senior B, Georgia and Tim both received encouragement awards for determined efforts throughout the regatta and Jack and Lucy put in their usual solid efforts.

It was fantastic to have about 40 minnows competing across the different divisions from Sorrento, Blairgowrie, Albert Park, Beaumaris and Bendigo among others.

New friendships were formed and old ones rekindled. A huge effort by many Parkdale members to provide the necessary support crews in the water and on the shore to make this a terrific regatta. Thanks to Steve Cumming for the Sea Scout canoes that gave the kids so much fun during the down times. Special thanks to Mark and Tonia Lloyd for the planning and the near constant support over the weekend.

It was a great experience prior to the long weekend to have Sarah Blanck, Olympic sailor, spend some time coaching our young sailors. She gave the kids the low down on how to tack and jibe in big waves and made the "rabbit in the hole" knot look a cinch! Many thanks to Sarah and organisers for a great session.

Our youngest juniors started training after Xmas including Will, Luke, Eleanor and Jade – all are starting to find their sailing feet – many thanks to parents and coaches willing to haul the boats around without a sail! Andrew Cooper has recently joined the group and before he knows it will be racing with the other kids. Spectators William & Isabella are itching to join in – they are busy doing all the beach work at present - only problem is William doesn't understand that he's only 3!

The older juniors have been training over many weeks now and are making great progress fine-tuning their racing skills. Congratulations to Tyler Symons who recently joined the older group and completed his first race coming a very

impressive 4th. Georgia Clayfield continues to impress with a quiet competence. Tess and Jack Lloyd have sailed recently at Daveys Bay in the Lidgett Cup and have enjoyed some training sessions with Sarah Blanck. Both have been doing some of the Club's twilight racing sessions and have been joined by some of the members from the Sorrento Club. Jack McDonald is developing his boat skills (which Sarah took a real shine to!) and is progressing well. Michael is confident now at sailing and has been broadening his skills to include windsurfing and Laser sailing. Others spotted out on the water include Lucy Symons, Alex Page, Ben Bergantino, Katherine Thomason, Evangeline Crompton, Gemma Ford, Ellie Bergantino and Murray Clayfield.

Thanks to parents Simon Crompton, Derek Cooper, Nick Bradley, Murray McDonald, Jules Bergantino, Ross Clayfield, Bob Ford and John Bergantino for the support in the water and of course the regular crew of Julie Grimshaw, Paul Grimshaw, Mark Lloyd, Stephen Caleo and Jamie Symons.

The Cobra team comprising Jason Badrock, Johnny Bolton, Rob & Rick Nixon; Ben & Maddy Hollander and Malcolm have been sailing well this season and a group competed at the National Titles in Queensland in the Christmas holidays. A new sailor has replaced the long-standing national Cobra champion and our sailors came in with 1st, 2nd and 3rd in the handicapped races – well done! One of the days of competition the wind was blowing 36 knots – and Maddie and Rick reportedly ventured out despite a ripped sail and falling over 5 times!

The Laser group have been sighted having a fantastic time on the water including Jason McCoy, Sophie Lamande, Kathryn & Laura Thomason, Tim Cummings Katie Symons and Tamara Ford.

All our juniors have been making excellent progress – well done and thanks once again to all those involved in putting the training program together for their efforts and dedication.

Please note in your diaries the following dates:

- Saturday 19th March – Long Beach Regatta at Frankston
- Sunday 20th March – **No sailing**
- Sunday 27th March – Easter
- Sunday 17th April - last session for training this year
- Sunday 24th April – Anzac Day weekend

The season concludes with the Presentation Day on 29th May

