

COMMODORES REPORT

Well another season has come and gone and for myself it was a great year of sailing, mainly due to the fact that all my family sailed this year, which is a first. Tam sailed in four or five races on her Laser and Jemma and Molly participated in the junior sailing program, Jemma even did two afternoon races on a Minnow, followed extremely close behind by Dianne and Telo in the rubber ducky!

This year we have seen very close racing in the Cobra Fleet and also major improvements by some of the new Cobra sailors, we have had a reasonable Windsurfer fleet, now if only they would all sail on the same days. The mixed mono fleet has been more apparent this year and hopefully, for our regular mono sailors sakes, more boats will regularly race next year.

We have also had new members join and welcome to you all it is great to see the Cobras helping out their new fleet members, amongst our new members we have two families that have Mirror dinghies which brings the Number of Mirrors to three, next year we'll try and get them racing well.

The juniors training squad had a ball with Dianne, and some are almost ready to step up to racing next year, Tess Lloyd wants the girls on the water so she has someone to race, whilst there's a whisper that some of the junior boys might sail Lasers. Also next year we intend to run training for adults this will not be a free course but we will establish how we are going to run it over the next few meetings, so now when people ask if we teach adults we can say yes come on down, rather than send them to Sandringham.

Socially we only had one extra event but it was well attended and I'd expect we'd do something similar next year, come and talk to me with any suggestions. Another great day this year was the Old Members lunch, which included the scattering of Frank Harris's ashes and the Launching of the new Rubber Ducky, which is of course named after Frank. Rather than being a sad day it was a testament to Franks popularity and enjoyed by all, especially Franks Family.

Again this year we have relied heavily on volunteers and I can only thank them once again, without you the club would not survive. This year we especially needed rescue boat crew, keep your ears open, surely someone out there would enjoy regular afternoons on the bay.

Thanks also to my Committee, everyone has done such a good job, you can all stand for re-election next season, and speaking of the committee we always welcome new people and you don't have to be a legendry sailor to be on it!

Lastly I look forward to the Presentation day lunch on the Twenty-Eighth of this month, come along for a great day and remember it's also the annual general meeting,

See you then

BOB FORD

PARKDALE YACHT CLUB

PRESENTATION LUNCH **&** **QUARTERLY GENERAL MEETING**

SUNDAY 28th MAY 2006 - 12.00PM

COST

ADULTS \$22.00 ea.

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 2006.**

PHONE TONIA 9598 0342

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COBRA REPORT

Now that the season is over and the National, State and Club titles have come and gone, it's time to reflect on the 2005-2006 Cobra season, before we plunge into the depths of winter and start digging out the ski suits and warm woolies.

On behalf of the Cobra Association, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the volunteers at the club - the rescue boat crews, duty officers, race organizers and all the members who help to make Parkdale a successful club and provide everyone with a venue at which we can all indulge ourselves in our favourite sport

Congratulations to all who have competed this season. By the time you read this you may know who was successful, but I believe that in the wider sense, there were no losers this season. Some new boats came, some older boats stayed at home, but those who competed all had their own successes. We introduced a number of new crews and skippers to the joys and despairs of sailing and the influx of younger skippers such as Andrew, Adam and Wes, together with the other slightly older new ones, bodes well for the future of the Cobra Association. We were sorry to see that Chris Wells and Mike Lander have sold their boats during the season and moved into a different life style which we hope will be just as exciting. They were for many years a mainstay of the association and we will miss their experience and enthusiasm.

The lease boats continue their good work. Nikita and the newly named Catmando will continue to provide introduction for new sailors to Cobras. Welcome to Andrew, Brian, Val, Brendan and John who all made their Cobra debuts this season.

In the Club competition, there were still a number of boats with the chance of taking out the Cobra Championship in the last race. The level of sailing ability and the intensity of racing have risen enormously this season and I don't think anyone can predict the placings for next season.

The State Titles again provided a great competitive and social venue with some interesting results. The weather was superb with good winds on most days, a completed series, no green stuff in the water and different winners for almost every race - an exciting regatta for all. Everyone sailing at Lake Boga commented favourably on the way all the Cobra people helped each other on and off the water. The new jackets were a great hit and identified us to all other sailors as an important and active class - every bit of advertising helps, so spread the word wherever you can! (they were also absolutely necessary for the cold mallee nights around the campfire and I sold all the spare jackets in a very short time, even to non-Cobra sailors!!)

On a final note, I often hear comments from new sailors praising the support, friendship and assistance they have received from all the Cobra sailors. I have always said that our greatest strength is the friendship that exists within our class and is the major factor in ensuring the continued Cobra growth, so take a pat on the back everyone - skippers, crews, partners, supporters and friends and keep up the good work. Enjoy the break everyone and remember there are only 134 days to the next race!!!

Laurie

WINDSURFER REPORT:

Come on Windsurfers! I am getting the feeling that our class numbers are dwindling of late.

I must admit I also have missed quite a few races due to other commitments eating into valuable Weekend free time.

It was great to see the return of Jim Kariotis on his mint condition collectors item Windsurfer, putting in some solid performances. Also Immy Wells (on a Laser) but we all regard her as one of the W.S mob. Great to see you two around the club again.

The National Titles planned for Hamilton Island this April was an unprecedented disaster/joke. Our NSW brothers sent out official Notice of race details specifying all flight details, accommodation, and competition dates. Some Victorian sailors booked tickets and accommodation only to discover the organizers had not followed through with any of the items detailed in the NOR. Consequently no Nationals! Anyone want some useless tickets to Hamilton, I have some.

Now on a positive note.

The next attempt at running a National Title is planned for Batemans Bay in NSW late in Jan. 2007. They tell me that there is a junior fleet slowly gaining momentum at some of the Sydney clubs and there may be a junior division at the Nationals.

Well the sailing year has come to a close at PYC for another year and we all feel the loss of Frank Harris from our ranks.

I am sure that Frank has planned some fair winds and good sailing competition from his new place of residence and we will remember him.

Mark Lloyd. .

Junior Sailing Training Report

I had the pleasure of running a seven week course in which I followed the Yachting Victoria Sailing Guide. I had twelve participants ranging from five year olds to 10 year olds, which was a broad skill range. The following areas were covered;

- The weather
- What to wear
- Parts of the boat
- Launching and recovery of a boat
- Sailing a marked course- tacking and Gybing
- Rigging and De-rigging of a boat
- Basic right of way rules
- Rope work

I made sure of three things that I taught the young sailors

- to rig and unrig their own boat
- to steer at least once around a marked course
- to help each other out, both on the water and off the water

We had two Sunday's where the weather was not suitable for training, however that did not stop us having fun as we played games on the beach.

The parents were a great help and I think enjoyed giving their expertise and advice to their children. On the last lesson we had a race between the dads to see who the best sailor was. I can't remember who won but I do know that they need to brush up on their rules!

All the children had a great time and did really well. From some children not even wanting to hop onto a Minnow on the first lesson to the last lesson steering the Minnow around a marked course. On the last lesson we did mini races which brought out the competitive side in some of the children. Next season hopefully we'll have most of the children racing in the afternoon races.

It is inspiring to observe the level of achievement of the participants at the start and finish of the program. Parkdale Yacht Club is a great place for family sailing. See you next season !!!

Deanne Telford