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Commodore's Comments ...



2021-2022 Season Results
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As I am writing this article, I am struggling to imagine what not only this season, but what future seasons will look like without Brendan. Past Commodore Brendan Murray was such a huge contributor to our club through his passion for sailing, work on committees and teaching others. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Since our last Regatta, we have had our Annual Presentation Dinner where we celebrated sailing achievements over the 2021/22 summer season. Special congratulations to Randal Cooper and Peter Nielsen for being crowned Club Champions this year. The Annual General Meeting was held the next morning, with the election of the General Committee for 2022/23.



2022 ClubsSA Inclusivity Award
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I would like to take this opportunity to thank Immediate Past Commodore Randal Cooper for his work over the past couple of years. He has certainly left the club in a good state. We also farewell Michael Ludlow, Alex Woods and Chris Hocking from the General Committee and I want to acknowledge their contributions to the club.

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Commodore's Comments (cont) ...

I would like to welcome our two new Flag Officers - Vice Commodore Jacek Holgar and Rear Commodore Brian Partridge who will without a doubt bring their own personal passion and drive to the roles. I would also like to thank Helen Reiffel for stepping up to take on the thankless Secretary role at the club and she will bring 50 years of experience in dealing with the new Commodore's tantrums.

Thank you to the remaining General Committee members, Ali Law, Ian Barker & Clive Boyce, (who has moved from the Secretary role to Acting Treasurer), for renominating again this year. Also, to Kate Andre for stepping in to fill the vacant position of Committee Member. I am looking forward to working with the team over the next year.

There is, however, one vacancy on the General Committee as Treasurer, and I would be very pleased to speak with any senior member, who would be interested in filling this position.

On behalf of the General Committee, I would like to thank our Club Manager, Jade Irvine and all of our many valued volunteers for their tireless efforts in keeping the club running. If you have any interest in helping out at our wonderful little club please let Jade or Helen know.

On Saturday the 8th of October we will be holding our Opening Day for the 2022/23 season which will without a doubt be another impressive day as we claw our way out of covid restrictions.

We will once again look forward to seeing our members enjoying the time-honoured picnic lunches on the lawns and members' vessels. I would like to personally thank the Short family for once again supplying the *Dominant Star* to be used as our official vessel during the Sail Past and Salute.

Get your crew, family and friends together for a fun afternoon and this year we are putting on live music that will run into the night courtesy of the "River Rats". Don't forget there's a prize for the best dressed boat in the sail past.

While there are still a few months until January, I hope everyone is getting ready for the Kies Home Hardware/ Coorong Quays Hindmarsh Island Goolwa Regatta Week.

The week kicks off on Saturday the 21st of January with the Marina Challenge and concludes with the iconic race - the Milang-Goolwa Freshwater Classic on the 29th January. Stay tuned for more information coming soon.

This leads me to acknowledge our generous Event Sponsors – a full list of which can be found on the back of this edition. It would be significantly more difficult to offer the program we do without them. As always, I encourage all club members to consider these businesses when making your purchasing decisions or influencing others in theirs.

Chris Reiffel
Commodore



General Committee

Welcome to the new General Committee members listed below with their contact details:

Commodore – Chris Reiffel
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Committee Member – Training & Grants – Kate Andre
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Vice Commodore Report

MARINA

We leave the cold and wet of Winter behind us, as we look forward to the warmth of Summer and everything that we enjoy about the warmer months.

The frenetic racing of the Friday night twilights, the longer evenings, sharing a glass or two with friends after the races, laughing, enjoying life, summer days on the river, cruising down the river, day and destination races that have become our fabric in a sense, and then just messing about in boats in this wonderful place we call 'home'.

The GRYC has been operating over the cold Winter months with welcoming Friday nights around the fire, talking boats, a glass of wine, solving problems, and dreaming of those beautiful days and nights ahead.

The Marina has had some changes over the past 6 months or so – you might notice the new Marina pedestals, different boats where previously there was someone you knew, new mooring lines, failing lights replaced, maintenance to the various things we rely upon, or might.

You might have noticed that there's now 24/7 security camera coverage of the Marina – fully accessible by all berth holders, a new maintenance protocol with a simple QR code system of reporting faults – huge advances for the benefit of all – please ensure you utilize the facilities available to you.

The GRYC is actively investigating the proposed progressive replacement of various sections of the Marina over the longer term. Unfortunately, materials availability and labour price rises are of some concern - however, the GRYC is looking to manage them accordingly.

The Murray River flow levels have been high and are predicted to stay that way, despite fluctuations, for some time.

There was a very rare opportunity recently, due to strong winds and lowered water levels, to view the external wave attenuators along the A & B arms of the Marina. It was noted that in general, the attenuators along A-arm were in reasonable condition for their age. Unfortunately, several of those on B-arm require significant attention or have failed. Continuing high water levels are hampering repair efforts. However GRYC are looking into alternative methods of addressing the issue of long-term wave attenuation.

The TWG have been actively maintaining the Marina, as best they can, and much credit should be given to these Volunteers for their magnificent efforts.

We look forward to some younger members joining this elite group of GRYC Volunteers. Thank you TWG – Well done.

We look forward to you joining us this Opening Day – on our magnificent Jewel of the Murray – the GRYC Marina.

MEMBER SURVEY

The past few years have been challenging due to the impact of COVID on society and the Club's activities have been directly impacted as a result.

It is a great credit to Immediate Past Commodore Randal Cooper, his able crew on the General Committee, Jade Irvine as Club Manager, the various volunteers including of course the Tuesday Working Group and the Members themselves who have managed to thread their way through the various restrictions, conditions, closures, rules, etc. to maintain the GRYC as the Club that it is.

Given that we're still not through the pandemic, but are managing things as best we can in a changing environment, it seemed opportune to consider a potential re-set of focus for the Club to ensure that the current and most up-to-date needs of members are being addressed.

To that end, you should have received an opportunity to partake in an important Survey to allow the Club to better understand your thoughts on the direction of the Club into the future and to identify what you've missed most about the Club as it was and where you'd like it to go.

There has been a wonderful and reassuring response to the Survey, across quite a wide membership base. We are still hoping to receive more, to best address the wide cross-section of Members that we have, and those that we would like to entice to join us.

We are still compiling and reviewing the information received so far, formulating a plan and attempting to address the needs of quite a diverse group.

Based on early results we can share the following:

- A large number are very interested in Racing activities
- A large number are interested in Cruising activities
- A significant number are either interested in or support the SheSails initiatives
- A majority support the Club's involvement and promotion of Sailability
- A large number are interested in using the Marina facilities
- A substantial number are interested in training courses
- Friday night twilight races have major support
- Summer Racing has hugely substantial support
- Winter Racing has steady support
- Christmas Racing appeals to a large majority
- Most people would prefer a mix of both Saturday and/or Sunday racing.
- The overwhelming favourite destination race is Goolwa to Narrung
- The Milang to Goolwa race is a staple of the Club.
- A significant number support "Out and back" day races
- A few new destination races may be on the cards – some overnight, some day cruises.
- Most are satisfied with the catering options that GRYC provides
- Most are satisfied with the bar services provided
- Social activities are an important part of the Club
- Volunteers are welcome to join in and be part of a vibrant, local, historic, sailing Club

There's much to be disseminated from the Survey Responses, and the Club is looking forward to addressing those items raised by the Members.

We look forward to taking the Club into the future, and your guidance in addressing those needs, with your support, is essential in achieving those goals – we look forward to your participation.

Jacek Holgar
Vice Commodore

Rear Commodore Reports

"Take it from the Rear (Commodore)"

Greetings and salutations. A few months ago, they said WINTER IS COMING. Well luckily, or maybe unluckily, the winter season is nearly over, and the spring is upon us, which can only mean one thing.

Time to panic!!!!

Opening day is merely a month away on the 8th of October and the new season is nearly here. I hope that all your winter maintenance is complete, and boats are all ready for another tightly contested season.

2021 – 2022 Season Results

Last year's results are in, which you can read below - congrats to all the series and overall winners. I believe the spinnaker division had 0.5 points separating first and second. It's very difficult to separate the top 5 boats in the spinnaker division, and I believe it is coming down to who more often gets the more favourable winds. One more windy Friday night and I think the placings may have swapped.



GRYC 2021 – 2022 DSM Summer Series - Division 3 CBH

1st Ffruiton / Skipper – B. Briggs

2nd Nerana / Skipper – R. Cooper

3rd Dolphin / Skipper – C. Reiffel

GRYC 2021 – 2022 DSM Summer Series - Division 3 HC

1st Ffruiton / Skipper – B. Briggs

GRYC 2021 – 2022 DSM Summer Series - Division 2 CBH

1st Destiny / Skipper – T. Baldock

2nd Mackie / Skipper – J. Stanbridge

3rd Encore / Skipper – D. Richardson

GRYC 2021 – 2022 DSM Summer Series - Division 2 HC

1st Mackie / Skipper – J. Stanbridge



GRYC 2021 – 2022 Points Score Series - Division 3

1st Ffruiton / Skipper – B. Briggs

2nd Nerana / Skipper – R. Cooper

3rd Dolphin / Skipper – C. Reiffel

GRYC 2021 – 2022 Points Score Series - Division 2

1st The Shed / Skipper – P. Nielson

2nd Encore / Skipper – D. Richardson

3rd High C / Skipper – B. Doser

GRYC 2021 – 2022 Club Champion - Division 3

Nerana / Skipper – R. Cooper

GRYC 2021 – 2022 Club Champion - Division 2

The Shed / Skipper – P. Nielson



GRYC 2021 – 2022 – Restricted 21 – Shaw Family Vintners Cup

1st Nerana / Skipper – R. Cooper

Runner-up Dolphin / Skipper – C. Reiffel



GRYC 2021 – 2022 SheSails Womens Twilight Series

Nerana / Skipper – L. Cooper



GRYC Burgee presented to the Club Champion, the SheSails Women's Helm Trophy, The Club Championship Cup, and the Shaw Family Vintners Cup.



Commodore Randal Cooper, 2021-22 Club Champion Div 3 and Winner of the Shaw Family Vintners Cup with his wife Liz Cooper, Winner of the SheSails Women's Twilight Series receiving their awards at the Annual Dinner.

Rear Commodore Reports (cont)

Getting ready for the season ahead

Over the 10th and 11th of September we held the SheSails Women's Coaching Clinic which is a training session for the SA Women's Keelboat Regatta - an event which will be hosted by CYCSA on the October long-weekend. It was a great opportunity for everyone to get together to learn from Ray Brown and Harry Cooper and to get out on the water and practise some starts and sail trim. Thank you to the volunteers, guest speakers and visitors from other clubs who made this event possible. A full write-up can be found in the SheSails article of Regatta.

The pre-season briefing was held on the 24th of September. It was another great opportunity to get ourselves and our boats ready for the season ahead. The briefing involved an internationally recognised judge/PRO explaining the new rules and how they affect us on the racecourse and was well worth attending.

On a personal note, I would like to thank Tricia Skewes who has helped me immensely with race committee stuff, as well as Jade Irvine and Louise Edwards who never stop helping. Thanks team!!! Thank you also to all those who helped me celebrate my 50th birthday in mid-august, again thanks to Jade, Astrid, Jane, Janis and Fran for keeping everyone fed and watered.



Hopefully there will be plenty of boats on the start line this year. I'm looking forward to seeing you all there!!

Brian Partridge
Rear Commodore

Power Boating Safety Basics



There's a fair chance that at some time in our sailing careers we will drive or be involved with a power boat and need to be aware of the safety responsibilities that come with that. Power boats are a necessary support tool for our sport, providing safety support, starting races, moving marks and, at times, required as high-speed transport back to shore in case of injury or emergency.

As with all boats, safety needs to be at the forefront of the person in charge's mind. Some safety tips to remember when you're out on a power boat and assisting race management:

- Know where the safety equipment is kept on board
- Do a safety briefing if you have another person on board
- Wear your lifejacket
- Have the kill cord attached to you when underway
- Know how to tow another boat, particularly the class that is racing
- Have the knowledge to rescue a boat in distress

Grants and Training

Firstly, I wish to introduce myself: my name is Kate Andre and I recently returned to the General Committee to assist with the Grants and Training Portfolios. The General Committee have generously accepted me as a member, and my request to access meetings via Zoom given we (husband Joe) live at Narrung, plus divide our time between two sailing boats. These two boats are *Kungari* (Duncanson 26 at GRYC) and *Haida Gwaii* (Catalina 36 at CYCSA). We have several sailing adventures planned for the 2022-23 season, not the least being an expedition to Tasmania. And yes, I am nervous!



The following Grants and Training report includes the work undertaken by myself and other committee members over the last few months.

Grants

Sourcing and prioritising grant applications has been our initial priority. There is of course a limit to the time individuals can spend on grant writing and/or assembling various evidentiary components such as plans, quotes, and letters of support. Therefore, it is our objective to focus on applications with a high likelihood of success, though there may well be room for a high-stakes grant application further down the track.

Successful grants have the potential to enhance the club's ability to meet long-term goals and reduce the draw on club resources. With this in mind, the following three applications have been submitted and are waiting on review:

- **Digital Donation Program** - this State Government program supports not-for-profit organisations to access devices from surplus government stocks. The application submitted is for computers to assist with race management, including enabling sailors to log their race entries and SailPass records electronically from the clubhouse.
- **Government SA 'See it LIVE e-voucher'** - this application for a \$400 voucher was successful and will go toward the costs of having live music at Opening Day.
- **Department of Social Service's 2022-23 Volunteer Grants** (expressions of interest) - this grant is intended to assist and encourage volunteering. We have requested approximately \$5000 to cover the cost of first-aid courses for volunteers, plus provide a keelboat instructors course to increase the number of available instructor volunteers.

While the above applications are under review, the Committee have turned their attention to developing a list of club priorities for safety, maintenance, and infrastructure projects. My job, along with others, is to search out various grant opportunities, preferably well ahead of closure deadlines. The RAA Regional Safety Grants for instance opens in October and looks very worthwhile, thank you to Tim Walsh for pointing this one out to us.

Training

The General Committee are cognisant of the need to recommence a training program following the disruptions of COVID. A first aid course for club volunteers was delivered on August 25th and 26th and a 'Start Powerboating Course' on September 17th. Planning has commenced for further training courses; however, additional instructors will need to be recruited to offer courses such as 'Start Crewing' and 'Start Helming'. As a consequence, negotiations are underway with Australian Sailing to deliver a 'Keelboat Instructors Course' for club members with the prerequisite skills and commitment to delivering courses. Work has also commenced on having additional sailing boats accredited as training craft. In short, watch this space, there is more to come!

Kate Andre

Secretary Report

The club's 2022 AGM was held on Sunday 19th June with a quorum determined from the thirty-one members attending.

Randal Cooper, Commodore for 2020 - 2022 announced the retirement of Rick Eylward from the roles of Principal Race Officer and support boat crewing and thanked him for his dedicated long service to the Club.

Rick will be joining the Bridge Crew. So please give a wave to him as you pass the finish line on race nights/days.



Pictured: Rick Eylward received an award for Long-Term Service to Yachting back in 2016 and his dedication to the club and sport has resulted in him receiving a Medal of the Order of Australia. We are so lucky to have you Uncle Rick!

The Treasurer reported that the result for the past fiscal year was a strong result and similar to the prior year after COVID-19 related grants were excluded.

It was good to get through the uncertainty of the past two years with such satisfying financial results.

The cash position was up approximately \$63,000 on the prior year. The Marina accounts had a strong cash position despite falling income from term deposits as interest rates reduced.

He noted there was substantial expenditures coming up over the next few years.

Draft Minutes and Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2022 can be viewed on GRYC Webpage under 'Members Area/Minutes'.

A Motion to amend clause 6(6) and clause 10 (1) (f) relating to Temporary Members was carried. The amended Constitution has now been registered with Consumer Business Services Associations and Cooperatives.

The current Constitution can be viewed on GRYC Webpage under 'About GRYC/Club Constitution.'

Members with 25 years or more continuous membership proudly received their service badges.



Pictured: Members achieving 25 years with GRYC
Past Commodore Lyn Roberts, Past Commodore Graham Roberts, Brian Southcott and Ali Bell.
Not present Ilona Howard.

In memoriam - Brendan Murray - accepted by Roger Rees who spoke of Brendan's love of sailing and his generous support of the Club.



Pictured: Roger Rees, good friend to Brendan Murray accepted a 25 year membership pin on behalf of the Murray family.



Pictured: Brendan Murray helming his yacht Bacchus in 2018

Secretary Report (cont)

Phil Evans received a Commemorative Name Badge for 40 years membership. Well done, thank you for your continued support for so many years.

Thank you to all of the club members who made the effort to attend the AGM, it was a week in which COVID cases were quite high in the state and we appreciate that members could still make it to the event.



Pictured left to right: Life Member Rob Carless, Michael (Fenno) Fairnington, Past Commodore Chris Newton, Commodore Randal Cooper and Life Member John Blunden enjoying a stout and no doubt, some stories of the good old days at GRYC.

Thanks, was also given to the Club Manager, Jade Irvine, for her continuing valuable contribution to the club's operations.



Pictured: Commodore Randal Cooper and Club Manager Jade Irvine feeling relieved after the completion of another successful AGM.

The successful first season of the SheSails program was also a highlight of the past year. This has directly resulted in an increase in female memberships. Well done SheSails Committee.

Helen Reiffel
Secretary

Personal Accident Insurance

Changes to Australian Sailing's Personal Accident Insurance



This whole-of-sport Personal Accident insurance program covers:

- Financial members of affiliated clubs,
- Discover Sailing Centre students and
- SailPass holders, primarily when participating in sailing races and training activities.

Key changes to the policy:

- Extension of cover to include all club volunteers when participating in activities sanctioned by the club and under their control
- Maintaining or increasing the level of benefit paid for most claimable categories
- Removal of overseas coverage
- Clarification of recreational boating coverage

What this means for individuals:

To ensure you are covered under this free personal accident insurance policy, register with the Club.

Member application, Temporary membership via SailPASS, fees (if applicable) paid, Volunteer registration must be done before you engage in any club activities.

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Age Limit?

The age limit is 90 years old, however other age limits apply to certain benefits.

These include:

- Parent Inconvenience Allowance – Insured person under 20 years of age
- Weekly Benefits - Age Limit to 75 years for Income Earners Only
- Death Benefit - Persons under 18 years and ages 86 years - 90 years (limited to \$10,000)

Is the Medicare Gap covered?

Medical Expenses that are covered by Medicare (including the Medicare Gap) are not covered by the Personal Accident policy. This would include: Surgeons, Anaesthetists, Doctors, X-rays
Private Health Insurance would be the required to cover these expenses.

Further details can be accessed on Australian Sailing Resources website:

Summary of cover

<https://cdn.revolutionise.com.au/site/0uwtqggjxqjzdbo6.pdf>

Policy schedule

<https://cdn.revolutionise.com.au/site/ks8sgau4hutfkms.pdf>

Policy endorsements

<https://cdn.revolutionise.com.au/site/ll9l4evlakdkmrii.pdf>

Product Disclosure Statement (PDS) & Policy Wording

<https://cdn.revolutionise.com.au/site/tgtqxy9yhoazawb9.pdf>

Changes to the policy came into effect from 4pm, 30th June 2022.

Life Jacket Rule Changes

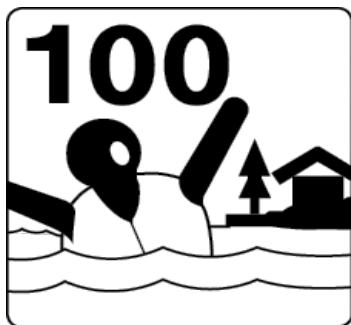
New Life Jacket Rules – 30th May 2022

Rule changes to lifejacket wear on boats 4.8 to 12 metres in length (with or without an engine).



When in an open area of a vessel, the following lifejackets wear requirements apply when the vessel is underway or at anchor:

- Children who are 12 years old or younger must wear a lifejacket at all times. (lifejacket level depends on where you are operating)
- In circumstances of heightened risk, all occupants must wear a lifejacket level 50 or 50S or higher in semi-protected or protected waters and must wear a lifejacket level 100 or higher in unprotected waters.
- Circumstances of heightened risk:
 - When operating alone.
 - When operating after sunset or before sunrise.
 - When the boat is disabled.
 - When crossing an ocean bar.
 - At times of restricted visibility.
 - When in an area subject to gale, storm force, hurricane force, thunderstorm or severe weather warning from the Bureau of Meteorology.
 - When reasonably directed to do so by the master of the vessel.



NEW RULE for heightened risk conditions from 30 May, 2022:

- A lifejacket must be worn when operating only accompanied by a child, or children, who is 12 years old or younger. (lifejacket must be level 50 or 50S or higher in semi-protected or protected waters and level 100 or higher in unprotected waters)

From 1 January 2025 lifejackets that meet older Australian Standards AS 1512, AS 1499 and AS 2260 will no longer be acceptable in South Australia.

To determine which lifejacket you need, go to the below website.
https://marinesafety.sa.gov.au/lifejacket_requirements_tool



To prevent burn-out of the current superb small band of volunteers

your Club needs help from You the Members

VITALLY URGENT:

Treasurer:

Oversees the finances – keep track of funds, budgets and processes

Publicity:

Editor of Regatta, prepares flyers

Social:

Organise and gather a team to organise and run social activities

Fundraising:

Sell Friday night raffles, develop other fundraising ventures

Race Management:

There have been repeated calls over past seasons. If you are out there sailing please ask any non-sailing family, friends, neighbours if they can help! Guaranteed good fun and camaraderie. Necessary training and direction given.

Sailability and TWG:

More and more volunteers required for both groups. Please refer to specific articles for these groups in this Regatta.

Volunteers enable the Club to conduct current activities, add to and expand the “quantity and diversity of services without exhausting the budget”

Ragamuffin - a Heavyweight Sharpie with Local Connections

Long-time club member Gordon Brown recently went across to Port Lincoln and paid a visit to the Alex Stenross Maritime Museum, picturesquely located on the northern approach into Port Lincoln township.

Alex Stenross was a Finnish ship's carpenter who arrived in Port Lincoln aboard the windjammer *Olivebank* in 1927 to load grain bound for Europe. But while in Port Lincoln, Alex decided this was to be his home and left the windjammer. He set up a wooden boat building business on the site now occupied by the museum.



A good selection of boats built by Alex and other boats and vessels of historic interest are carefully preserved by the museum. Much of Alex's original workshop and office remains intact. It's a fascinating place to visit if you happen to be over in Port Lincoln.

One of the boats there that particularly caught Gordon's eye was a piece of his family's history: *Ragamuffin*, a Heavyweight Sharpie built by South Australia boat builder George Ross in 1934 and originally named as *Comet*. The boat was built for Ossie O'Grady who later won the first Heavyweight Sharpie Australian Championship racing *Phantom* in Adelaide in 1937.

By 1938 *Comet* had been renamed *Ragamuffin* and was entered into the 1938 Australian Championships by Victorian H Brooke. Held in Hobart, *Ragamuffin* took out the Championship after facing stiff competition from local Tasmanian boat *Noddy*.

Hobart's Mercury newspaper reported upon the Championships, and the paper also reported on the Restricted 21s championship which were also being sailed in Hobart at the same time. A bit of Googling on the Trove website will throw up some of the original articles reporting on these races.

The Heavyweight Sharpie is the Australian name given to the 12 square metre (m²) Sharpie class designed in 1931 by the Kröger Brothers in Warnemünde, Germany. The peak of the class came when it was included in the 1956 Melbourne Olympic Games.

To this day, the original design has been preserved, and the class continues to be sailed competitively in the UK, The Netherlands, Germany, and Portugal. European Championships are rotated between those four countries.

The 12m² class is a solid wooden clinker style boat with a gaff rig. In 1950's Australia, modern lightweight building techniques were brought to bear on the Heavyweight Sharpie and by 1960 the plywood based and Bermuda rigged Lightweight Sharpie had established a sufficient size of fleet to conduct its first Australian Championship in Adelaide.

The first Champion was one AJ (Chips) Barclay sailing his own boat *Kestrel IV*. The Lightweight Sharpie has gone on to simply being known as the Sharpie class.

Within Australia, the Heavyweight Sharpie soon found itself displaced and its final Australian Championship was held in 1962.

But in its day a number of notable Australian sailors raced Heavyweight Sharpies: Rolly Tasker who took out the Silver Medal at the 1956 Olympics, South Australian Sir James Hardy who won the 1959 Australian Championship sailing *Tintara*, John Cuneo who won multiple National championships sailing both Heavyweight and Lightweight Sharpies, and John Bertrand. The latter three all went on to be America's Cup sailors, with John famously winning the Cup while skippering *Australia II*.

Despite the demise of National Championships for Heavyweight Sharpies, a number remained sailing at various clubs around Australia.

Gordon's father became *Ragamuffin*'s owner and kept it racing at Mordialloc Sailing Club in Melbourne, and later in Mallacoota, sailing against assorted dinghies for recreation - anything from Yvonne catamarans to Flying Dutchmans.

Gordon sailed with his father and recalls *Ragamuffin* being one of the first yachts to sail over and then back through the Mallacoota Bar since the early trading yachts of the Warren family from Eden (for those interested, a book called *Down to the Sea* by John Little details the Warren family's sailing of that coast). Gordon and his father last sailed *Ragamuffin* at Mallacoota in the late 1970's.

Ultimately the late Don Thorpe and Mike Badenoch took custodianship of *Ragamuffin* for restoration purposes, with Chips Barclay undertaking the restoration work.



Beautifully restored, *Ragamuffin* now resides undercover at the Alex Stenross Maritime Museum, preserving a piece of Australia's off the beach sailing heritage for all visitors to admire.

Clive Boyce

Ragamuffin - a Heavyweight Sharpie with Local Connections

AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIP RECORD			
1934 - First Sharpie in Australia "Comet" built for Onnie O'Grady, Adelaide.			
1935 - First State Championship won by "Alawa", Len Wigan, Adelaide.			
1936 - First International series held in Australia in Sharpies won by Alan O'Grady S.A.			
AUSTRALIAN 12 SQUARE METRE CHAMPIONSHIPS			
1937 Adelaide 1. Phantom 2. Triton 3. Kelp	J. O'Grady S.A. B. Oldfield H. Perry S.A.	1953 Perth 1. Falcon III 2. Tatler	R. Tucker W.A. H. Newman Tas.
1938 Hobart 1. Ragamuffin 2. Noddy 3. Southark	H. Brooke Vic. N. Bert Tas. J. Taylor Tas.	1954 Sydney 1. Falcon III 2. Daring	R. Tucker W.A. J. Cuneo Qld.
1939 Brisbane 1. Gull 2. Killyhawk 3. Mallee	J. Taylor Tas. N. Howard S.A. H.C. Brook Vic.	1955 Adelaide 1. Falcon III 2. Swan	R. Tucker W.A. J. Hardy S.A.
RECESS		1956 Hobart 1. Daring 2. Scull	J. Cuneo Qld. E. Bayes Tas.
1947 Melbourne 1. Heather II 2. Miss Suzanne 3. Wyvern	H. Perry S.A. L. Deason S.A. L. Knapman S.A.	1956 Olympics Falcon IV	Bronze Medal R. Tucker W.A.
1948 Perth 1. Heather II 2. Wailuna 3. Haves	H. Perry S.A. W. Appeltby S.A. T. Julian	1957 Melbourne 1. Falcon III 2. Daring	N. Le Cornu S.A. J. Cuneo Qld.
1949 Adelaide 1. George Ross 2. Cloverlee 3. Native	J. O'Grady S.A. L. Deason S.A. B. Conin Vic.	1958 Brisbane 1. Daring 2. Tintara	J. Cuneo Qld. J. Hardy S.A.
1950 Hobart 1. Swan 2. Heather II 3. Invader	D. Purdon Tas. H. Perry S.A. R. McClellan Vic.	1959 Perth 1. Tintara 2. Daring	J. Hardy S.A. J. Cuneo Qld.
1951 Brisbane 1. Skimmer 2. Swan 3. Native	J. O'Grady S.A. E. Boyes Tas. D. Purdon Tas. B. Conin Vic.	1960 Adelaide 1. Daring 2. Triton	J. Cuneo Qld. J. Hardy S.A.
1952 Melbourne 1. Falcon III 2. Darter 3. Skimmer	E. Tasker W.A. R. Ikin Tas. E. Boyes Tas.	1961 Hobart 1. Snowgoose 2. Puffin 3. George Ross	V. Bunton Tas. C. Nibbs J. O'Grady S.A.
		1962 Melbourne 1. Ovalball 2. Impala	I. Nichols Vic. B. Payne Vic.
		RECESS	
AUSTRALIAN SHARPIE CHAMPIONSHIPS			
1960 Adelaide 1. Keitel IV 2. Valeris	A.J. Barclay S.A. K. Chaplin S.A.	1964 Perth 1. Daring III 2. Futura	J. Cuneo Qld. G. White Vic.
1961 Hobart 1. Daring II 2. Wayward	J. Cuneo Qld. J. Croke Qld.	1965 Adelaide 1. Daring III 2. YAIV	J. Cuneo Qld. F. Neil S.A.
1962 Melbourne 1. Daring II 2. Phantom IV	J. Cuneo Qld. J. O'Grady W.A.	1966 Sydney 1. New Statesman 2. Rival II	P. Hosking Vic. R. Allan Vic.
1963 Brisbane 1. Futura 2. Omega	G. White Vic. K. Frost (Vic.)	1967 Hobart 1. Crescendo VII 2. Triad	R. Thompson N.S.W. J. Bertrand Vic.

Australian Championships Record 1937-1967
for Heavyweight and Lightweight Sharpies
(apologies for the poor quality of the photo)



Ragamuffin restored at Chip Barclay's shed



Ragamuffin on display in
The Alex Stenross Museum in Pt Lincoln

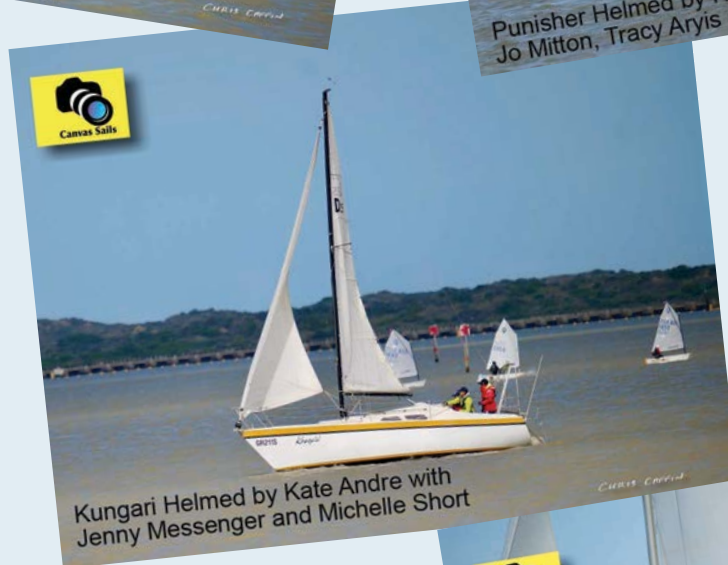


Ragamuffin sailing at Mallacoota



1938 photo originally on the wall
of Black Rock Sailing Club

SheSails Coaching & Race Clinic





**Congratulations GRYC,
we are finalists for the 2022 ClubsSA Inclusivity Award**



Clubs SA is a support organisation providing assistance with policies and practices to enable member clubs to operate efficiently within the bounds of legislation and policy.

As part of the ClubsSA brief of encouraging and rewarding best practices, member clubs are asked to nominate initiatives that address specific award criteria.

The Inclusivity Award recognise clubs that strive to create a culture where people from all backgrounds are respected, appreciated, and feel included.

It was noted that the work of SheSails has successfully built on the club's history of providing affordable and accessible sailing to a range of community members, and readily met the criteria for this award category, hence our finalist status. The award winners will be announced at the Clubs SA Clubs and Community Awards Dinner on the 15th of October.

As the Clubs SA Award application detailed, GRYC has had a long history of inclusivity, with the Sailability program being particularly noteworthy.

Of recent, the SheSails/Women in Sailing Program has also received attention as a strategy to increase the participation of an under-represented group in sailing.

In 2018, 9% of the sailors at GRYC were women, and through a range of strategies, the club has now been able to turn this around with 35% of women sailors in 2022.

The objective of the SheSails Program has been to support the involvement of women in all aspects of on-water activities.

Women-orientated activities have included sailing training, a race program designed to promote women sailors, boat maintenance support, radio operator and motorboat licencing, a cruising program, and women-centred social activities.

Consequently, there is now a greater representation of women in: boat ownership (initially 2, now 6); helming and crewing boats; planning and undertaking cruising activities; participating in rescue craft activities and acting as race officials.

The SheSails community at GRYC is now self-sustaining, with a lively social program and several women entering sailing competitions for women at State and National levels.

South Australian Women's Keelboat Regatta (SAWKR) - October long weekend

Several GRYC SheSails representatives were present at the South Australian Women's Keelboat Regatta (SAWKR) launch on August 21 at the Cruising Yacht Club of South Australia (CYCSA).



**SA Women's
Keelboat Regatta
2022**

The regatta logo and schedule (Oct 1-3) were a major focus of the launch, with GRYC receiving credit for stimulating the inclusion of a trailable yacht section.

The regatta is aimed at women currently participating in sailing and looking to enjoy the competition and camaraderie of other female sailors. In line with this sentiment, GRYC at this stage, has entered three boats, though some are very tentative about the challenge. The three boats [and their amazing crews of course] are – *Kungari*, [Kate, Jenny and Michelle], *Girlzown* [Tricia, Fran and Jackie] and *Elanora* [Louise, Janis, Jess and Rommie].



*Pictured: Kate Andre, Andrea Short and Pip Robertson
at CYCSA for a Women's Keel Boat Regatta luncheon.*

Schedule of SAWKR Events held at CYCSA

A broad outline of the racing and social program is as follows:

- Friday 30 Sept 2022 – Crews registration.
Welcome drinks for skippers and crews.
- Saturday 1 Oct 2022 – Regatta Racing Day 1.
Regatta gala dinner at the CYCSA.
- Sunday 2 Oct 2022 – Regatta Racing Day 2.
- Monday 3 Oct 2022 – Regatta Racing Day 3.
On completion, formal regatta presentations at the CYCSA.
- Tuesday 4 Oct 2022 – For competitors and volunteers -
Clare Valley Wine Tour followed by lunch at Nick Georges Winery.

The Boats

- There will be both large and small keelboat divisions; J24s (available for rent from RSAYS); trailerables racing on the Port River; and One Design divisions for Elliott 7s (available for rent from CYCSA).

Enquiries

- Enquiries can be made with the CYCSA Racing Administrator, Inese Lainis 08 8248 4222 or email sawkr@cycsa.org
follow us on social media @SAWKR2022

SheSails (cont)

GRYC Women's Weekend Coaching and Race Clinic - 10/11 Sept 2022 [Sponsored by Bleasdale Wines]

The Goolwa Regatta Yacht Club SheSails 2022-23 program has started in spectacular form, with the 'Women's Weekend Coaching and Race Clinic' held on the 10-11 of September.

This event was informally open to women sailors across the State to develop their skills in preparation for the Inaugural South Australian Women's Keelboat Regatta (SAWKR) to be held in Adelaide in October 1-3. The 24 on-water clinic participants (2 attendees were unable to sail) formed 7 race teams, 4 of whom are entered in the Regatta. These teams were assisted by a range of volunteers, including SAWKR organisers from Royal South Australian Yacht Squadron and the Port River Sailing Club. The success of this event extended well beyond skills acquisition, with inter-club camaraderie and participants visualising their involvement in future race events being an important outcome.

Saturday's proceedings commenced with Rear Commodore, Brian Partridge welcoming participants to GRYC. Kate Andre, standing in for the event coordinator Louise Edwards, set the scene regarding the weekend's objectives and activities. Kylie Baker, the South Australian General Manager for Australian Sailing, overviewed the functions of Australian Sailing and its objective for the SheSails branding. Ray Brown, with his wealth of experience, provided an informative and amusing overview of sail trim.



Pictured: Ray Brown providing the group with detailed information on sail shape, strength and structure and how best to adjust the sails when out on the water

He and the coach teams then circulated to the groups as they discussed their roles and the application of the theory covered to their specific boat. The afternoon was all about the sailing with 5 or so short races in gusty but manageable conditions. Given that for most boats, this was the first-time teams had sailed together, clarifying and refining team roles was given priority.

The SAWKR representatives; Barbara Beecham, Janet Thornley and Karen van Riet, moved between boats to assist and provide onboard coaching. Brian Partridge and Murray Symonds provided coach transport and on-water coach support.

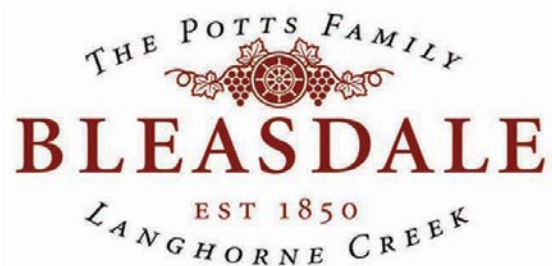
The team of four from Cruising Yacht Club of South Australia sailing Punisher, while sailing together for the first time, soon became the race leaders with some impressive starts. The other boats on the water included *Girlfriend* (a stand in for *Elanora*), *Kungari*, *Girlzown*, *Itsa Rule*, *2Uley*, *As Good as it Gets* and Jade Irvine in her new boat.

At the post-briefing it was clear that learning outcomes abounded, with teams exchanging ideas and contesting versions of on-water events. Having Ray Brown in attendance at the post-briefing was a bonus, with his keen eye for detail being very apparent and useful.

The format for Sunday was similar, with Harry Cooper and Brian Partridge providing a session entitled 'Sailing the Course' and an afternoon of on-water activities. As Harry explained, our objective was to navigate the racecourse efficiently, making the most of current, wind shifts and clean buoy roundings. The plan for the afternoon was for a single longer downwind race, such that participants could practice their spinnaker or goosewing techniques. Unfortunately, the wind direction wasn't favourable, though several boats did have short downwind runs before finding the river's edge. None the less, with the help of the various coaches, each team worked on their priority learning needs, with several starting a performance and maintenance log as suggested.

It goes without saying, there were several social events, including welcome drinks on Friday and a fire side pizza meal on Saturday evening. The conversations were far-reaching, though sailing and sailing opportunities were a mainstay.

Feedback from the participants and coaches has been inspiring with many participants expressing a diminished anxiety about racing and plans to increase their race experience. The SAWKR representatives were impressed with the GRYC and its SheSails initiative, including the club facilities and opportunities for women to own their own boats. As they noted, training and race preparation for women often poses a significant barrier due to limited boat access, feelings of inadequacy and general anxiety about conflict. The GRYC SheSails initiative is clearly addressing this, so a big congratulations to all and a special commendation to Louise Edwards for developing the initiative and links with other clubs in the State.



None of our success would have been possible without the assistance of our sponsors, Bleasdale Wines, and the GRYC volunteer team. A big thank you to: Ray Brown for his inspiring contribution; Brian Partridge, Harry Cooper and Murray Symonds for their quality classroom and on-water inputs; Peter Briton-Jones for standing in as Skipper for Louise Edwards; Peter Lomman for providing an on water sailing class in *As Good as it Gets*; Joe LaForgia and Jacek Holgar for providing start boat assistance and kitchen duties. Sadly, Louise Edwards and Brian Smith could not be in attendance.

Best of luck to those teams entered in the South Australian Women's Keelboat Regatta October 1-3. For those interested in watching the race series, the trailerable yachts will be racing on the Port River out from the Port River Sailing Club. Details can be found at

<https://cysa.com.au/event/sa-womens-keelboat-regatta/>.

And what do we have in store for this year's sailing season you might ask!

The SAME as last season!!!! – all activities and events are back by popular demand.

So, watch this space! Our program should be out shortly.

Kate Andre / Fran Wanders
General Committee / SheSails Committee

Sailability

I don't know what Sailability has done to the weather gods. Our planned sailing date on the 4th of June was cancelled early in that week as the forecasted weather was for strong winds and heavy rain and the Bureau's prediction was correct. We don't sail in July as has been the case for the past 4 years. It is regarded as too cold for our sailors, and it gives our volunteers the opportunity to hook up the van, put the hat on the back window ledge, and seek out warmer climes.

So, you would think that after an enforced break, our August day of sailing (6th) would be kind to us. But no, as what happened in June, an early cancellation had to be advised to all. The Bureau's predictions were proving to be correct. We were beginning to wonder when our sailing activities would recommence. September 3rd, light SE winds 10/12 knots, ah at last beautiful sailing conditions for our group. What we were presented with was drizzling and exiting the marina area, winds 20 knots plus, white caps, and very lumpy waters, and directly from the South. My faith in the Weather Bureau is definitely waning. Everybody who wanted to sail got the opportunity in very trying wet conditions. With that behind us surely the weather gods will now look after us, as we only have one day a month to enjoy our activities.

Sailability South Australia received a grant for \$1,500.00 which had to be directed towards providing safety equipment. The grant has been divided up between the 3 Sailability Clubs. We have purchased 6 PFDs of the larger size, as this was an area, we were lacking in. Thank you to Don Hart and Linda Walsh from Hart's Chandlery a GRYC supporter, who helped with the purchasing of these PFDs.



Our volunteer numbers continue to be a concern. Additional regulatory requirements mean that we now need more hands on deck to make sure Sailability remains a safe and successful program at GRYC. Volunteering for Sailability does not necessarily mean sailing in a dinghy.

We need volunteers to help with:

- Recording attendees
- Radio communication between the shore crew and boats out on the water.
- Manning support boats
- Assisting in the dock area with clients being placed and exiting boats.
- Helping cook lunch or set up the Kinnear Room
- Serving drinks behind the bar



There is a wide variety of tasks which we need volunteers for and if you can volunteer say 5/6 hours per month, you will be rewarded with comments and expressions of enjoyment from those participating in the program. After each Sailability we enjoy a much looked forward to lunch, from our wonderful group of volunteer cooks under the stewardship of Lyn Roberts. What our group of catering volunteers do for us, is the envy of other Sailability groups.

To volunteer your time, please contact Ian Barker through Jade Irvine Club Manager at gryc@gryc.com.au



Pictured above: Some of our Sailability Volunteers preparing the boats and equipment before a Sailability event.

Some members of our Sailability group were able to experience a very meaningful and informative First Aid Course presented by Gary Hancock in August. If a situation arises, then members are now in a position to suitably respond. Thank you to Gary for training our team.

The Burnside Symphony Orchestra

Wednesday the 30th of November at 8.00pm, The Burnside Symphony Orchestra is putting on a performance "Our Lands" at The Burnside Town Hall, proceeds of which our Sailability group benefit from. This forms our major income stream and will be directed towards staging the Sailability State Championships to be held at Goolwa on the 25th and 26th March 2023. The past 2 years have been COVID affected, but they have been supporting us for nearly 20 years with these performances.



Event information

OUR LANDS



Wed 30th November 2022 – 8pm

Sibelius
Brahms

Soloists
Vaughan Williams
Conductor
Venue

Finlandia
Double Concerto in A minor,
102 for Violin & Cello
Minas Berberyan & Robert Wolf
Symphony No 3 (Pastoral)
Philip Paine
Burnside Ballroom,
401 Greenhill Road, Tasmore 5065

Tickets \$20 <https://bsc.org.au/concerts/concerts-2022/>

Ian Barker
Sailability, Co-ordinator

Tuesday Working Group

The group continues to do chores, maintenance, and enhancements around the Club, many of which our ever-observant Manager sees, but others don't.

Have you noticed, the false roof now on the garden shed, as the roof seams had parted, creating water damage to the shed's contents.

The painting of the fence breezeway at the Club's entrance is continuing. This has turned out to be a huge undertaking with its thirst for stain. Our resident "Master Painter", Terry Quilliam, has given assurance that the job will be completed by Opening Day.

The wood pile now has a fence in front of it to prevent firewood cascading on oneself.

The storage shelf which was in the back room (off the kitchen) now resides in the boat storage area, and this area has been tidied up. Chairs are now stored in the back room.

Bins and bottle/can crates are now stored in the caged area. Your Club key will give you access to this area.

The group is working on a prototype "collar" for one of the outside wine barrels. You will be able to stand or sit at the barrel to enjoy your favourite beverage and nibbles. Castors have been added so that the barrel can be moved to other areas. Two of the outside bench/tables will be re-painted prior to opening day.

As the weather improves, there are several rubbing strips on the marina fingers needing attention.

The Sailability group received a donation from the family of a former founding member (Yvonne Schramm). This has allowed the purchase of a recyclable plastic bench, which the TWG will assemble and install on the boardwalk where the Radio Yachting Group operate from, which is also adjacent to the Sailability area. Once installed a plaque will be attached with inscription to Yvonne.



Resident chefs, David Smallacombe and Mal Hancock are still providing majesty each week with their meals. The cost of the lunch has been kept at \$5.00, which as we all know with increased food prices is a task in itself. Don't know whether bartering or sleight of hand is used in the supermarkets to contain costs.

Profits from lunches and the recycling of bottles and cans enabled the Group to have a subsidised midyear lunch at The Royal Family Hotel, Port Elliot, in July.

Again, come join us on a Tuesday, spread the workload, conviviality, and expertise in whatever field you have.

Ian Barker
Tuesday Work Group Co-ordinator

Maintenance at GRYC

Keeping on top of maintenance and fixing any hazards is a high priority at GRYC. To help us stay aware of tasks that need to be completed, you can now submit a maintenance request online.

To submit a maintenance request or hazard:

1. Scan the below QR code on your phone either in your camera or a QR scanner app. OR click here: <https://forms.office.com/r/8aF0m75QwL>
2. Complete the online maintenance report form
3. Once you press submit, the club will receive an e-mail with your submission, and we will work on resolving the issue.



Posters with this QR code will also be on display at the clubhouse and on the marina gate for you to scan when on site.

Jade Irvine



Boatspeed Update

I haven't made much progress in the last month on the *Boatspeed*, weather has been terrible, and I've had plenty on my plate. Let's hope I can get some runs on the board soon.



Above 3 pics: The false floor panels being cut and trimmed to fit. Being made in smaller pieces such that the joins between panels align with bulkheads to increase rigidity and strength in the floor. Also to allow grade changes in the floor (sideways) to ensure all of the water drains out between tacks. I have approx 100mm fall between bow and the mast step.



Above 2 pics: Showing the yet to be placed "winglets" in the floor which are in behind the chainplate bulkhead. These will also have approx 100mm fall to reduce water held in the boat.



Above: The Foredeck panel. Behind the panel you can see will hold the curved self-tacking jib track (2.0m wide) and the spinnaker boxes. We won't be going with a chute for this boat for 2 reasons:

- A. it interferes with the articulating kite pole, and
- B. the kite boxes back at the mast will allow us to change spinnakers if we need to mid race.



Above: The flat fore deck panel and Selden 40s jib Furler. I've gone with the flat foredeck panel (replacing the cabin) again for 2 reasons:

- A. aesthetics - trying to match a changing curve both laterally and longitudinally is going to be quite difficult and if it's not perfect it's going to stand out like a sore thumb. The easiest way is to deliberately not try and match it and just keep it flat (ish).
- B. a lower foredeck will facilitate more of a "deck sweeper" foot on the self-tacker and make it safer, if someone has to go up there. The plan is not to be on the foredeck during a race, only when leaving or arriving at the dock.

Harry Coopers Plow King looks like its nearly ready to make it out of the shed after a long absence.

Its looking good! And fast!

Brian Partridge

Casual Observations by an Innocent Bystander

It's been a long cold and wet winter, luckily not too bad on the Winter Series days but still unpleasant for working on boats, rebuilds or improvements.

The big wooden gaffer *Janilian* has been in Jordy's workshop for new teak decks and repairs to the cabin sides and was recently relaunched after owner Dicko had scraped, sanded and painted the hull. Currently sitting in the water at Goolwa Marine Services waiting for Harry and Randal to re-step the wooden mast.



Pictured above "Janilian" photographed by Chris Caffin for those of you interested in seeing whats happening to boats around Goolwa, check out Canvas Sails on Facebook. Like and follow the page to support

Brigand has been moved to a berth at Coorong Quays and the mast, along with all spars, are to be removed and planned to be refinished by the lads at Armfield's Slipway.

This yacht is owned by the Alexandrina Council and if anyone would like to volunteer to maintain or crew onboard contact Evan Higgins or Armfield's Slipway.



Photo courtesy Even Higgins 2021

Fraser has sold the lovely *Iole* and she will be staying at GRYC, as the new owners are keen to be involved in sailing and related activities.

Rear Commodore Brian is making great progress with the modified *Boatspeed* at home, featured elsewhere in Regatta. A very interesting design, and concept, we look forward to launch day and checking out his handy work.

The Phuket 8 *Plow King* is nearing a complete revamp, no cabin anymore, new decks, huge cockpit (which could pass as a volleyball court) and all new paintwork.

Relaunch is scheduled for the last winter race. You can Facebook Plow King and follow the progress.



Pictured: Plow King getting new deck grip late at night at Goolwa Masts and Welding.

Vintage Red the perennial competitor has been at Goolwa Masts & Welding for a check-up, all systems are go and of course David Howard has said this may be his last season ... he has had more last performances than John Farnham. We do enjoy competing against *Vintage Red* and always enjoy, the spinnaker shall go up, no matter the weather.

The Masram 820, *Monkey Business* has had an altercation with a tree, the mast came off second best, currently being repaired and the owner has stated that it will make the last winter race, depending on the crew returning from holidays overseas.

Yacht Sails SA spokesperson Ray Brown has been inundated with orders for new sails over winter. Some Restricted 21 owners have decided that new sails have a better return than bank interest and have raided their pension funds to enjoy themselves while they are still young enough to. You can read about the Restricted 21s on Facebook.

Club Manager Jade with partner Toby have purchased a Blaser 23 and are inviting boat name suggestions. The current name is *Kylie's Carbon Road Bike*.

I'll start the ball rolling with "Go to Blazers"



Pictured: Club Manager Jade Irvine helming her new Blaser 23 with Committee Member Clive Boyce on mainsheet and Toby Jones on Jib.

Randal Cooper / Paul Harvey

Recent Social Events

Wine Appreciation is back! And what a great evening it was. On the 23rd of July, we once again held Wine Appreciation Night, a staple on the GRYC calendar which in the past few years we have been unable to hold due to COVID-19. Although we were allowed to hold the event, we were still quite affected by the pandemic, with guests booking tables, then cancelling, then new guests booking, then cancelling - even up until an hour before the event began. In many ways COVID is still affecting events at GRYC.



This highlights more than ever just how lucky we are to have caterers like our club sponsor Bombora on the River. Joel, Casey, and their team were able to adapt to the changes and ensured that all the guests were more than accommodated for. On the night, the Bombora team were in the kitchen, reading a list of guest's names and orders and memorising where each guest was sitting and what they were eating. Believe me, this is no easy task when you have seven dishes and 55 people. It definitely tested my knowledge on all your names and what you were wearing on the evening. Thank you, Bombora on the River, our members adore your team and are so grateful for the amazing food you provide to us. We look forward to having you all back again very soon.

Thank you also to Dr Peter Dry AM, I've always heard such great things from our members about your amazingly vast knowledge of wines around the world and it was such a privilege to have you share that knowledge with us. Thank you also to Chris Dry for getting everyone up out of their seats for some fun and games, it really made it an enjoyable event.



*Pictured: Wine Appreciation Night guests up out of their seat, testing their knowledge in a trivia game.
Well done to Geoff Walsh for being the last one standing.*

Not many people realise what goes into the planning of a Wine Appreciation Dinner, Peter not only presents on the evening, but he also visits all the wineries personally to taste and plan the wine list for us and organises for GRYC to receive the wines at more than fair prices. Thank you also to Geoff Walsh for assisting Peter and the GRYC with planning and ensuring we deliver an event of high standard.

Peter selected some of the lesser-known varietals from some of the well-known wineries in the McLaren Vale and Barossa Valley Wine Regions.

Oliver's Taranga, McLaren Vale – Vermentino, Fiano, Mencia
Yangarra Estate, McLaren Vale - Grenache Blanc (blend)
Hither and Yon, McLaren Vale - Nero D'Avola, Touriga
Serafino, McLaren Vale – Lagrein, Tempranillo
Patriitti, Barossa Valley – Trincadeira, Saperavi

For anyone interested in trying some of the wines which were served on the evening, we do still have some available for purchase from the club. Please contact gryc@gryc.com.au

We look forward to holding another Wine Appreciation Night in the not-so-distant future.

Australian Native Food Safari

Recently the GRYC Clubhouse was booked to host an event "Australian Native Food Safari" as part of the Fleurieu Food Festival. The Fleurieu Food Festival aims to showcase the breadth and depth of food and beverage producers and food businesses on the Fleurieu Peninsula. The Fleurieu Food Festival is brought to you by the Board of Fleurieu Peninsula Food. Businesses and groups involved in food and beverage production, value adding, and tourism were invited to host food focused events throughout the month of August 2022.



Our good friend and club member Manu Broeckelman from Healthy Sparkle was the creative visionary behind the event held at GRYC which showcased locally sourced, Australian Native ingredients. Manu wanted the event also to be beneficial to the GRYC and so worked with our SheSails sponsor Bleasdale Wines to match her menu with ten of their wines which were served on the evening. It was a fantastic evening with an impressive showcase of food and wine from the local region.

We were privileged to have local Ngarrindjeri elder Mark Koolmatrrie attend the evening who gave a warm "Welcome to Country", reminding us of the paths we have taken in life that have led us to all be together sharing this experience. Robbie Potts and Ebony Christian from Bleasdale also attended the event and shared many stories of the Potts family and the amazing journey they have taken in making wines in the Langhorne Creek Region.



All guests walked away from the evening with full bellies, a few too many wines under their belt and a greater appreciation of what our local region has to offer.



We thank our sponsors for supporting these events.

Jade Irvine

SailPASS

What is SailPASS:

SailPASS is a means by which a non-member can go sailing at your Club – it is a temporary membership (for one day); a straightforward way to get more people out on the water doing what we all enjoy.

It breaks down lots of barriers to sailing and gives the opportunity to try sailing a number of times. Plus it allows newcomers to get a feel for the Club before doing a course or becoming a member.

So, encourage your family, friends and colleagues to come and give it go.

What does SailPASS do:

- Addresses the Australian Sailing Racing Rules
- It offers safe, quick, easy, and affordable access to sailing
- It breaks down the perceived barriers to sailing
- It provides the person with free Personal Accident Insurance for the day
- Clubs know who is on the water
- Improves club risk management
- It gets a big safety tick
- It ticks a number of compliance boxes
- Addresses the use of your clubs by non-members

Please Note:

Sailing Instructions for 2022-2023 will contain this requirement:

Sailors wanting to become a GRYC Temporary Member must register via SailPASS for the date they participate in any one race:

- The first three (3) races are at no cost as a Come 'n' Try and can be used only once over any number of seasons. This applies to people who are new to sailing, not members of other clubs.
- All consequent races at \$20 per race
- Monies paid, in any one season, will be deducted from the Membership Fee for that current season and not carried forward

Persons in Charge Responsibility:

When you complete a Race Entry form you sign that:
all sailors are registered members of GRYC.

For the upcoming season, please consider this when completing your Race Entry Forms.

GET A **SAILPASS** AND GET ON THE WATER TODAY!



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