

Thank you for the time last night to come down and meet up whilst we were coming through town. It was great to see such large group keen to attend.

I have copied below a few links and extra details on the items we discussed for you, and if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Training Courses

As discussed we have several options available to the club and we could look at running these together over a Friday-Sunday weekend to suit the members and they can attend the sessions they are interested in.

Mark Laying Course – This is a great option for all members. Development of the course stemmed from a need for accessible information with regards to the correct procedures for laying marks and setting a race course. It is suitable for club volunteers looking to gain knowledge about mark laying at the grass roots level through to mark laying for regattas. I would suggest this Online Course could be used in combination with a practical training session to put the course into practice. We could look at a practical session near the beginning of the season. The link to the online course is: <http://yachting.canopihr.com.au/auth/register?returnUrl=%2F>

Club Judge Course – This course is for people who have a keen interest in Sailing and want to participate in another facet of the sport by learning the basics to conduct fair and consistent protest procedure at a club level. This is a 3-hour course which goes further in depth to the rules and procedures of protest hearings and conducting races at the club and includes further information on scoring penalties, interpretation of the RRS. Those with higher level sailing experience may be eligible for State Judge Level after completion of this course.

Safety Operator Course – This course provides the skills needed to support water-based activities at clubs, schools and outdoor recreation centres. You'll learn about race course design, practice on-water rescue of dinghies and gain an awareness of techniques to support kite surfers and kayaks and is designed for participants who wish to support their Sailing Club as a support boat for either racing or learn to sail courses. This is a 12 hour course and generally run as an evening and full day.

For the above courses depending on the availability of the club etc, we could look at running this as a Thursday night for a Judge Course, then Friday Night/Saturday for the Safety Boat Operator Course and fit in time for a practical mark-laying session, as I'm assuming that each course area is going to be potentially attended by different members.

Dinghy Instructor Course – As discussed more than happy to organise a course for the club, if you can let us know a couple suitable dates we can get this organised.

She Sails

She Sails is Australian Sailings new program is designed to recognise all of the amazing female contributors to our sport, and to encourage women of all ages to get involved in the sport of sailing through organised activities at their local sailing club. This can also be used to promote female programs you may consider running at the club including, Female skippers race, all female training courses and general activities around the club.

To assist clubs in the promotion of their She Sails activities, we are providing clubs with the [SheSails digital promotional toolkit](#) including social media banners, pop-up banners, poster templates and other promotional collateral to be printed or used digitally. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you would like further assistance with promoting a program.

Upcoming Important Dates

Club Conference

The Australian Sailing Club Conferences are on again this year at the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia in Rushcutters Bay on Saturday 6th July! All Club Commodores, key officials and management are encouraged to attend. The conferences bring together clubs from across the state and are a great way to engage with other clubs and AS. Hear from industry experts and learn from your peer clubs as they share success stories and best practice ideas that can help develop skills, capacity and further improve your club.

To attend you will need to register for the club conference via the links below. Registration is open now. Please register early places are strictly limited. [Click here to register](#)

State Awards

Nominations for the 2019 New South Wales/ACT Australian Sailing Awards are now open, with applications being accepted across a range of individual and club categories as well as two new categories for 2019. The awards recognise the outstanding performances of sailors, volunteers, officials and clubs in our states and territories, with winners of the awards eligible to be put forward as nominees for the annual Australian Sailing Awards in October. The nomination categories include:

- Male Sailor of the Year
- Female Sailor of the Year
- Youth Sailor of the Year
- Sailor of the Year with a Disability
- Sport Promotion Award
- Sport Professional Award
- Offshore Sailor of the Year Award
- Lifetime Achievement Award
- Sustainability Award
- She Sails Award
- Coach of the Year
- **Instructor of the Year**
- **Official of the Year**
- **Volunteer of the Year**
- **Club of the Year**

We would love to see nominations from the club particularly in the areas above in bold! You are able to lodge a nomination [online here](#) Note that nominations close on June 9th 2019

ACT Instructor Conference

The emphasis of each Conference is to develop your instructing skills and to update you on various aspects of the Discover Sailing program. Your Regional Team of Australian Sailing staff, local Senior Instructors and an Australian Sailing Chief Instructor will deliver the Conference in your area. The topics and activities for the practical on-water skills development sessions have been designed by Chief Instructors with the aim of ensuring all skills are being delivered to the highest quality, consistently and safely within all our learn to sail (and powerboat) programs. Running this year at YMCA Canberra Sailing Club on Saturday 31st August, it would be great to have as many of your instructors along as possible! [Register online here](#)

Laser Masters

As discussed, I'm more than happy to assist by coming down and providing assistance for the regatta. Australian Sailing can also assist the lending of the following:

- Up to 12 inflatable buoys with weights. Ground tackle and warp to be provided by the club – Can assist with requirements
- Up to 11 Hand-held VHF radios
- Additional flags if required – Please let me know min 1 week prior as may need to get this sent from interstate depending on the location at the time
- Inflatable rescue boat which can be used for mark laying if required
- Change of course boards, and additional 12v Horn

If the club is able to assist with accommodation and refueling of the boat etc, that would assist being able to provide services greatly! Items to consider having for the boats can be found [online here](#)

Other Items

Discover Sailing Program Logos – I will arrange for the logos, and marketing material to be emailed through. These are in professional printing format and can be used to help promote the club and sailing in anyway. I hope to have these down to you over the next couple days, I just need to organise into a suitable folder with all the logos together!

Support for grants – As discussed we are able to provide letters of support for any grant applications you are submitting for projects around the club. If you can let us know a few details about the grant you are applying for, the purpose of the grant etc and I will arrange a letter of support from the CEO and President of Australian Sailing which can often assist greatly in the grant applications.

Life Jackets – We have a relationship with Crewsaver for discounted lifejackets for clubs in particular the Tackers type programs. If you are wanting to get a quote for some jackets please let me know and I can forward on the contact to see if they can assist the club with a better deal!

Thank you all once again for the time to come along last night and if Australian Sailing can assist further please do not hesitate to contact us at any stage!

Many thanks
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