

THE SIGNALLER

September 2016

The Official Sun City Yacht
Club Newsletter



The Annual General Meeting

The club's Annual General Meeting was held on Sunday 31st July with a good turnout by members and with our patrons, Mayor Tracey Roberts JP and Paul Miles MLA also there.

A certificate was presented to John Chapman acknowledging his Life Membership which was awarded at the previous AGM, together with a photo montage showing John and his sailboat Saxon at club events through the years. John has been a club stalwart for many years, quietly working away in the background and there when needed to help with many aspects of the clubs activities. Members like John are the reason that the club has been an integral part of our local community for over 40 years now.

Our Treasurer Shelly Miles was pleased to report that while we had faced a large deficit at the start of the year, the club did produce a very small profit of \$121 for the 2015-16 year. Finances are obviously still precarious and the committee will continue to keep a tight control on expenditure while working hard to increase income.

One member of last year's committee, Gordon Grant is currently travelling around Australia with his wife Beth (many thanks to Gordon for all the good work around the club and on the committee) and all the other members of last year's committee have been returned for the new year while three new committee members have also been added which will make for a very energetic committee this year. We especially welcome our new committee members; Wayne, Steve and Ann-Maria. The committee for 2016-17 is as follows:

Commodore – John Utley

Vice Commodore – Not filled

Rear Commodore – Dana Queisser

Captain (Sail) – Wayne Hartas

Captain (Power) - Not filled

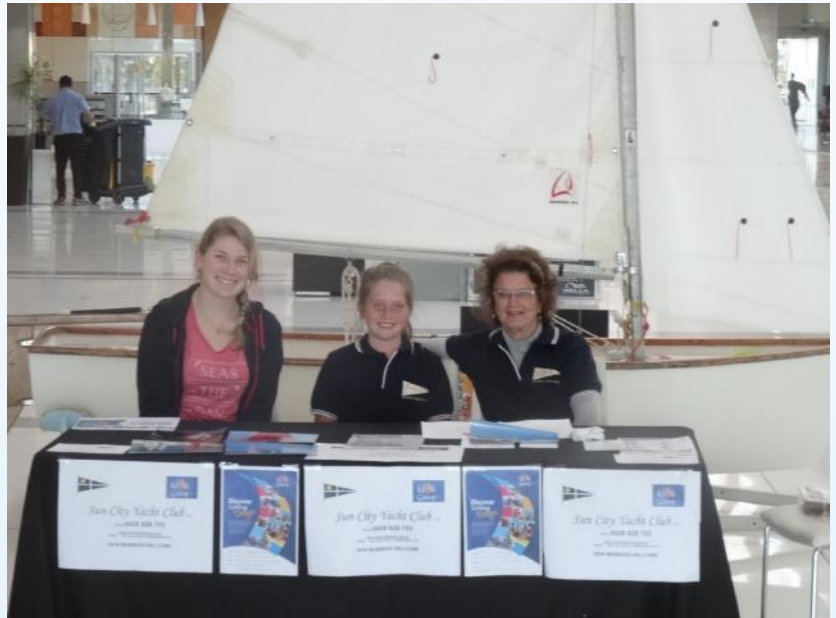
Secretary – Alexandra Utley

Treasurer – Shelly Miles

General Committee – Sarah Knapp, Brian Bishop, Hans Queisser, Sonet Coetzee, Ann-Maria Colman, Steve Appleton

SCYC Shopping Centre Display

SCYC set up a display at the Yanchep Central Shopping Centre over the weekend of September 3rd and 4th with one of our Reacher dinghies very prominent in the mall area. A lot of shoppers stopped at our table and many were interested in the upcoming Discover Sailing days and in the club.



Kendra, Izzy, Dana and Reacher #7 in Yanchep Central Shopping Centre

New Manly-Junior Dinghies



The club recently purchased five Manly-Junior sailing dinghies from Nedlands Yacht Club. These very light fibreglass dinghies are designed for two-person junior crews and carry three sails, including a spinnaker. They'll provide another step in the development of our junior sailors who learn the basics in our Reachers and can then step up, into the Manly-Juniors. Our adult trainees will continue to transition from the Reachers into the club's Mirrors and 420's

Gavin Jones, Gavin Taylor, both of NYC and Ann Santry, John Utley and Ken Santry from SCYC with one of the new Manly-Junior dinghies

Porky Pie Party

We had a really good turnout and some happy bellies at the pie night – It was great to see so many members and their friends relaxed and chatting in our cosy clubrooms and we're looking forward to our next social event – a Chinese Braii.



Chinese Braii (or BBQ)

A little slab of South Africa blended with a chunk of China and of course, all the natural skills of Australian BBQ chefs will be on offer at the club's Chinese Braii on Friday October 14th. There will be a selection of meats and veges and a chance to mingle and chat as well as raffles with great prizes. It'll be another good night and we'll be selling tickets from next week - \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members. All entries will be with tickets as we need to plan for catering so please get in and book as soon as possible – phone Dana (0414 951 532) or Alexandra (0466 409 060) to organise tickets

Discover Sailing Days

Our first Discover Sailing Day for this year was held on Saturday 10th September. The breeze was slight but the sun more assertive as the morning went by and we had a good turnout. The skippers; Adele, Izzy, Tyrell, Wayne, Campbell and Aaron did a fantastic job making visitors comfortable and showing them how much fun sailing can be. The on and off-shore support was also fantastic and made sure that our guests got a really good feel for the club – the results was lots of new members signing up and we look forward to making them feel very welcome



Friday Evenings at the Clubrooms



We've had a good turnout of members and friends at the clubrooms on Friday evenings through winter, no doubt encouraged by the great value and tasty meals that Dana and Ann-Maria have organised. We hope to see more of you down there as the warmer weather moves in and we all rattle our way out of hibernation. The club puts a big emphasis on family-friendly so if you've got kids or grand-kids, feel free to bring them down and make the most of your comfortable clubrooms.

2016-17 Membership Renewals

Membership is the lifeblood of the club and we'll be sending out invitations to renew your memberships over the next few weeks. The membership year runs from November 1st 2016 through to October 31st 2017 and our fees are the same as last year with the exception of junior fees which have increased to \$100 while the weekly \$5 maintenance fee for dinghy sailors has been removed. The 30% discount for Senior Card holders remains and the nomination fee for new members has been waived for the new season to encourage new members. Fees for the 2016-17 season are as follows:

Individual Adult Member	\$120
Family	\$190
Junior	\$100
Social	\$70

Club Calendar

Saturday September 24 th	Discover Sailing Day from 9:00am till Midday
Saturday October 1 st	1 st Day of Summer Dinghy Sailing Season
Friday October 14 th	Chinese Braii from 6:30pm at Clubrooms
Sunday November 13 th	SCYC Opening Day

Dinghy Sailing Season (Starts October 1st)

The summer dinghy sailing season starts on October 1st (not to be confused with our Opening Day on November 13th). We'll be running two streams with new sailors joining our Start Sailing 1 and 2 course and returning sailors in a Development Group that will work on various skills, much of that through competitions and games.

The Start Sailing 1 and 2 course will run from October 1st through to Christmas after which, the qualified trainees will join the Development Group. We have limited space on the Start Sailing 1 and 2 course and expect to have all those positions filled before October 1st. If there's enough interest, we may run a second Start Sailing 1 and 2 course over consecutive Saturday mornings after Christmas.

Sailors wishing to join the Development Group can email sun_city_yacht_club@hotmail.com, or phone John on 0409 109 687 or Wayne on 0402 015 910 or can register at the club at 9:00am on Saturday 1st October