

THE SIGNALLER

September 2017

The Official Sun City Yacht
Club Newsletter

CLUB CALENDAR

First Aid Course and Sailing Basics – Tuesday 26th September

School holiday activity co-ordinated with the City of Wanneroo, to be held at our clubrooms

Stir Fry Surprise – Saturday 30th September

Our first big social event for Spring – don't miss it

Summer Dinghy Sailing Season Starts – Saturday 7th October

Development sailors from 9:00am, the new Start Sailing 1 and 2 trainees from 10:00am and dinghy racing in the afternoon from 1:30pm race start

SCYC Opening Day – Sunday 12th November

We'll be inviting other yacht clubs and sailing officials to Two Rocks for our chance to show others what SCYC is doing and plans to do

Christmas Dinghy Wind-up – Saturday 16th December

Our annual triathlon and other activities – a fun day for all

Christmas Social – Sunday 17th December

We're working on the details!

Bunnings BBQ – Saturday 23rd December

An important fund raiser for the club

Hullo members – It's been a productive winter and preparations are well underway for the summer season. After our July AGM, we have a full committee that blends most of last year's members with new and there's lots of enthusiasm to make this a great year for the club. There will be a large program of events and ample opportunities to have fun on and off the water and for those that want to, learn new skills.

There are frequent updates on our Facebook page and more details on our website – suncityyachtclub.com.au - including videos and photos of club activities.

Membership is key to the clubs future and you are our best ambassadors – let your friends know about events at the club, bring them down and show them around and we look forward to seeing you over the coming season.



REMINDER:
The yacht club's family-friendly bar is open on Friday nights from 5:30pm.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thanks to all who attended our AGM at the end of July. We presented our financials, the results of the club questionnaire, passed a resolution acknowledging the role of the clubrooms, 'the Tin Shed', in the history and development of SCYC and elected our new committee. Welcome to new committee members, Roger Wing, Nathan Prince, Chelsea Prince and Stephanie Rust (although Stephanie as a former Vice Commodore is not so new), along with returning members, including new Commodore Wayne Hartas.

Your 2017-18 committee is as follows:

Commodore	Wayne Hartas
Vice Commodore	Dana Queisser
Rear Commodore	John Utley
Secretary	Alexandra Utley
Treasurer	Shelly Miles
Sail Captain	Nathan Prince
Power Captain	Hans Queisser
General Committee	Sarah Knapp
	Brian Bishop
	Sonet Coetzee
	Chelsea Prince
	Stephanie Rust
	Roger Wing
	Nina Campbell

Especial thanks go to Mayor Tracey Roberts JP and to Paul Miles for their ongoing support as the club's Patron and Vice Patron.



The 2017-18 SCYC Committee together with club Patrons, Mayor Tracey Roberts and Paul Miles



Club Questionnaire

Many of you filled out a club questionnaire in May or June of this year and we presented a summary of the results at the AGM. Our first question was about the club's priorities or focus and you identified the club's (short) lease as the most important issue facing the club while 'club culture' was seen as an important focus for the club, followed in importance by membership numbers and (the type and range of) water-based activities and our facilities. There were many other points raised and their importance rated. You can read the summary on our website (suncityyachtclub.com.au) and remember that your constructive views and ideas are welcomed by the committee.

Working Bees



It's been a productive winter with our fortnightly Frostbite sailing series when weather has permitted and a number of well supported working bees. Thanks to hard working members, we've got more storage for our dinghies, trailers that can function as trailers and better prepared dinghies amongst many other repairs and upgrades.



The hard-working Fraser girls and new dinghy shed extension

Volvo Around-the-World Ocean Race

There are seven identical 65' boats in this year's Volvo Around-the-World Ocean Race which starts in Alicante, Spain on October 22nd and will include 13 stopovers before the winner crosses the finish line off The Hague, Holland in June 2018. This is one of the world's toughest ocean races and sports most gruelling events. We're running a competition for members to pick who they think will win with a small prize for the winning entries and lots of interest along the way as we follow the teams – pop down to the club and put your name next to the team you support!

YANCHEP CENTRAL YACHT CLUB PROMOTION



Sonet, Dana and Shelly – happy volunteers

SCYC held what has become an annual promotion at the Yanchep Central Shopping Centre in August. With one of our Reacher dinghies set up and volunteers taking shifts, we got the word out to lots of new residents and caught up with many others who've been involved with the club in one way or another.



STIR-FRY SURPRISE

Last year's Chinese Braai was one of our most popular social events and with Goodyear 5 star chefs Hans and Xavier both prepared to share their skills, Dana and Stephanie taking a break from TV presenting to refine the menu and track down the freshest ingredients, and spring kicking in, we're guaranteed a great evening – call Dana or Stephanie as soon as you can to book places.

Discover Sailing Days

Each year we hold Discover Sailing Days prior to the start of the summer season and introduce visitors to both dinghy sailing and to the club. We promoted strongly this year via Facebook, our website, the Yanchep Central display, an article in the North Coast Times and various other means and were well rewarded with 60 people trying dinghy sailing for the first time or returning to a dinghy after many years. We were very lucky with the weather and that factor, perhaps combined with the population growth in the area lead to us almost doubling numbers compared with last year.

We'll be running an Australian Sailing accredited Start Sailing 1 and 2 course between October 7th and Christmas for some of those visitors who have now become members and, if we can meet the logistics, a second course after Christmas.



Discover Sailing Day Sunday 3rd September

KEEP UP WITH THE CLUB

Check out our website www.suncityyachtclub.com.au to learn more about the club, to see past issues of our newsletter, race results, photographs of previous events and so on. Join us on Facebook for regular (and last minute) updates or phone the club on 0428 628 753.