

Sail Away

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To be a thriving place where people of all ages and abilities come to discover the joy of sailing.

What's On!

Saturday 11th FEBRUARY

9.00am-1.00pm Better Sailing - Wk 2
1.30pm-5.30pm Start Sailing 1 - Wk 1 & Tackers 2 – Wk 2

Sunday 12th

9.00am Club Championship Race 11
1.30pm Introductory/Fun Racing
1.30pm-5.30pm Tackers 1 - Wk 2

Saturday 18th

9.00am-1.00pm Better Sailing - Wk 3
1.30pm-5.30pm Start Sailing 1 - Wk 2 & Tackers 2 – Wk 3

Sunday 19th

9.00am Club Championship Race 12
1.30pm Teams Racing
1.30pm-5.30pm Tackers 1 - Wk 3

Saturday 25th

9.00am-1.00pm Better Sailing – Wk 4
12.00pm-3.00pm Sailability (set up from 11am)
1.30pm-5.30pm Start Sailing 1 – Wk 3 & Tackers 2 – Wk 4

Sunday 26th

9.00am Club Championship Race 13
1.30pm Introductory/Fun Racing
1.30pm-5.30pm Tackers 1 – Wk 4

Extended calendar later in this edition.
Please see the full Schedule of Courses for 2016-17 on AWYC website [here](#)

Coming Up

Member Development Courses

First Aid & CPR - Saturday 4th March

Powerboat Handling - Sat 1st & Sun 2nd of April

See details and apply via our Schedule of Courses for 2016-17 [here](#)

From the Helm

Leanne Thomson - Commodore

Happy New Year! Hard to believe it is already February.

I hope everyone had a happy and safe holiday season and found some time to go sailing. My family made the trek across to Adelaide for the SA Summer of Sail Festival. We spent 3 weeks in South Australia for the Laser Nationals, a few days off to check out the 420s, Optis and 9ers Nationals, before starting the Youth Nationals. AWYC were well represented in SA with Riordan, Oscar and Lara competing in the Optimist National Titles and Laura and Simon in the Laser Nationals and Youth Nationals.

The day after returning home I spent the week at the Club with our Learn to Sail programs. These were a huge success and you can read more about the week in the Training Report on page 4.

After a week of training I was able to put my feet up and relax on the weekend of the Junior Run Regatta. The Juniors of our Club did an amazing job, with a lot of newer members helping out at different times. The money raised from the entry fee and profits from the café go towards a fund that allows the younger members to purchase items for around the Club relevant to them. Read more about the weekend and the regatta winners on page 3.

I know this time of year is popular with members travelling away cruising. If you were fortunate enough to cruise away waters, we would love for you to write an article for Sail Away about your travels. Sharing your experience may help other members who are considering the same thing.

As you are all aware AWYC hosts the "Sail Country" regatta on the Melbourne Cup weekend. The

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previous 3 years this event also incorporated the Victorian Dinghy Championships. Expressions of Interest were called by Australian Sailing to host the 2017 & 2018 Victorian Dinghy Championships. AWYC put in a submission, which I thank Phil Clements for putting together. I am pleased to announce we have just been advised we are the successful club. Phil Clements has volunteered to take on the role of event coordinator for 2017 and if you would like to be part of the organising committee please have a chat with Phil.

Now we are in the last 6 months of our membership year the fee has reduced for any new members who join the Club. All memberships are now based on a membership year from 1st of July to 30th of June. The list of recent new members is on page 3 and I hope you make them all welcome.

Please remember it is your responsibility to roster yourself on for duty. AWYC Club Rules require each member to do 2 weekends a season. As a show of appreciation the Committee have decided to provide a complimentary coffee or soft drink to members who do a rostered duty.

Lastly, I would like to send our thoughts and prayers to our Rear Commodore and all-abilities sailor, Stewart Cathie. Stewart has had a medical episode and will be spending some time in Melbourne whilst recovering and doing rehabilitation. The thought of sailing again helped Stewart the first time he became ill and we wish him a speedy recovery so he can get back on the water again.

Leanne Thomson
Commodore

White Safety Rib

Leanne Thomson - Commodore

The White RIB has been recently repaired due to a hole in the bottom. Donald Thomson had repaired the fibreglass and changed the rollers, etc on the trailer. But the RIB has required more structural works as the hole came back (caused by the same problem).

Erwin Bejsta and Stuart Howsam have now done some fairly heavy structural repairs and the RIB is back in action, just in time for our busy post-Christmas training period. Thank you to Donald, Erwin and Stuart for their time and effort in repairing this Club asset.

Please note when launching or retrieving the white RIB it **MUST NOT** have anyone in it. **It cannot be driven on or off the trailer.** You will need to launch by making sure the trailer is as deep as you can go so it just floats off the trailer. By pushing it backwards and holding on to the rope to pull it back in to shore. When retrieving, ensure the trailer is as deep as you can go. Drive the boat to the shallows next to the trailer, then float it backwards and on.

***If you have a story to share
please email to
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featuring Jonathon Harris, Tom Burton and Lisa Darmanin

Junior Regatta

George Henderson – Junior/Youth Rep

What an amazing weekend! Over the 21st and 22nd of January the AWYC Juniors put together a regatta for the older fellas.

With wind and a great turnout of people, all the Juniors were very pleased to be able to return the favour!

Thank you to everyone who participated in what was named by multiple participants as 'fantastic event'. We are very pleased and grateful that you all helped us raise sufficient funds that will eventually go towards something for the juniors to purchase.

Overall, the Juniors raised \$614 from the Cafe and \$250 from entries, leaving us with a net profit of \$864.

Well done to Daryl and Michelle Stone for taking out 1st place, Phil Clements and his crew for coming 2nd and John Demeo and Neil Henderson for claiming 3rd.

Thank you to all the Juniors for your help both on and off the water! Without you guys this amazing event would not have taken place!

A special thank you to Laura and Leanne Thomson! Your efforts behind the scenes are much appreciated.

Cheers
George
Junior Rep.



Welcome to our New Members

The Commodore and members would like to welcome the following new members to the Club:

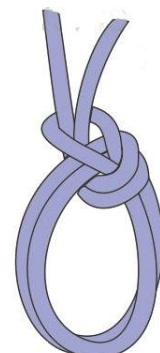
- Simon Arms
- Neil Morrison
- Keith Donaldson
- Noeleen Williams and Andrew Micallef
- Owen, Kelly, Ryan, Eliza and Angus Lord

"How rude of me, I've been talking about my boat all night. I haven't given you a chance to talk about it."



Nautical Quiz

How's your nautical knowledge, do you know what this knot is (answer on the back page)?



Sailability

Phil and Andrea Clements – Sailability Coordinators

The Sailability program has been running according to the advertised program plus a few extras!

Since the start of the season, we have conducted a total of six sessions, four on Saturdays and two mid week. They have been extremely well received and the feedback we get from participants and carers is fantastic. We have been extremely fortunate to have had good weather conditions and a nearly full Lake Hume. This means everyone is able to lounge about on the lawn area and not have to contend with a hot sandy walk or roll to the sailing area.

In terms of numbers, there have been over 70 participants and carers that have tried out our program this year and about 75% of them have been more than once this season and over 50% have been attending for more than one season.

Our next scheduled event is Sat the 25th Feb and everyone is welcome to attend. If you know of possible Sailability candidates, don't hesitate to recommend that they come out and have a try or speak to Andrea or myself about the program.

Remember that Sailability is for EVERYONE so it can be a great way of introducing people of all ages and abilities to the sport of sailing.

I would like to pay a special tribute to the terrific group of volunteers that come along each time to help ensure our guests have a great time every time. With such good numbers coming along, no one is feeling run off their feet! Having said that we are always keen to have new faces join the team. If you aren't too sure what's involved, feel free to come along and observe one of the sessions to get a feel for how you might be able to contribute to this important program.

If any of the juniors would like to join us, we always have opportunities for you to be the 'accompanying sailor' with many of the participants.

I know I speak for all our volunteers when I say that the Sailability sessions are as enjoyable for us as they are for the participants and every session produces a heart-warming story or two that makes us pleased to be involved!

Check out the club website or the contact lists in this newsletter if you want to find out more.

Cheers,
Phil & Andrea

Discover Sailing Centre

Donald Thomson – Training Principal

WOW, what a start to 2017! Our holiday programs (Monday 16th – Friday 20th January 2017) were a huge success. We had 9 students do a Start Sailing 1 & 2 Package, which has resulted in some continuing to Better Sailing and others becoming members of our Club. Huge thanks to Terry Caldwell who instructed the course with help from John Demeo, Brian Radomski and John Landon.

Our Tackers team did an amazing job also, with a fully booked Tackers 2 course of 8 kids each morning backed up by a Tackers 1 course in the afternoons with 12 kids. Super hero effort by Leanne Thomson, Simon Thomson and Samantha Roberts who worked both shifts each day (even on the 40 degree day). They were joined by Will Haberfield for the morning classes (Mon-Thurs) and Liam Brookes was the Tackers Trainee in the afternoons.

Congratulations needs to go to Simon Thomson and Samantha Roberts who are now Tackers Endorsed Instructors. Simon instructed his first course with the Holiday Tackers 1 and Samantha will be instructing the February weekend Tackers 1.

Mynyx will again be conducting a First Aid Course on the 4th of March. This is a mixed mode course. So you actually do an online component at home and as a result are only required to do a 1 day class. (Previously these courses were 2 full days of classroom). The course is suitable for those completing such a course for the first time as well as those requiring a refresher. Please register online early to allow yourself enough time to complete the online segment. Also on offer on the same day are a CPR and CPR Refresher which follow a similar format but run for only half a day.

Our post-Christmas classes commenced on the 4th of February and I thank those who have volunteered their time. Leanne had been trying to organise rosters, so if you haven't replied with your availability please do so ASAP.

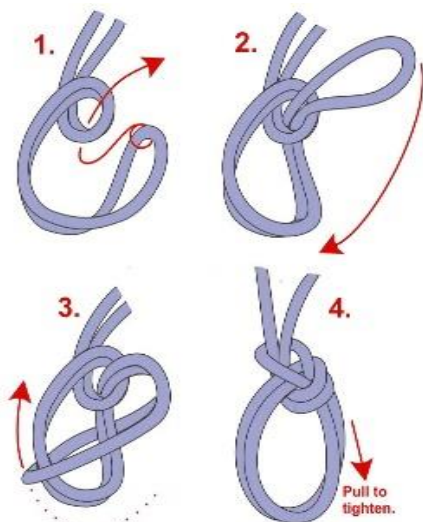
We have had a lot of interest in another Assistant Instructor's course and Leanne is taking down names. You need to be a minimum age of 12 to participate, so we are trying to work dates of the course around some of the younger trainees. Please email training@awyc.org.au to ensure your name is listed and if you are a younger trainee also include your birthday (when you turn 12).

The next Powerboat Handling course will be conducted on the weekend of the 1st and 2nd of April. Places are limited to only 4 students, so please go to the AWYC website and register early to avoid disappointment.

AWYC Calendar 2016-2017		AWYC Sailing		Discover Sailing Centre	
FEBRUARY					
Saturday, 4 February 2017	am			Better Sailing - Wk 1 (9am-1pm)	
	pm			Tackers 2 - Wk 1 (1:30pm-5:30pm)	
	11:00am			Sailability 12pm - 3pm (set up from 11am)	
Sunday, 5 February 2017	9.00am	Club Championship Race 10			
	1:30pm	Teams Racing		Tackers 1 - Wk 1 (1:30pm-5:30pm)	
Tuesday, 7 February 2017		Scouts - 4pm to 8pm (John Pimm)			
Wednesday, 8 February 2017	6:00pm	AWTC - O'Briens Transport Aquathlon #4			
Friday, 10 February 2017		Defence Force - Family Welcome & Community Information Expo			
Saturday, 11 February 2017	am			Better Sailing - Wk 2 (9am-1pm)	
	pm			SS1 - Wk 1 & Tackers 2 - Wk 2 (1:30pm-5:30pm)	
Sunday, 12 February 2017	9.00am	Club Championship Race 11			
	1:30pm	Introductory / Fun Racing		Tackers 1 - Wk 2 (1:30pm-5:30pm)	
Monday, 13 February 2017		Wodonga Senior College Duke Of Ed - camping over			
Tuesday, 14 February 2017		Wodonga Senior College Duke Of Ed - Sailing 9 - 11am			
Saturday, 18 February 2017	am			Better Sailing - Wk 3 (9am-1pm)	
	pm			SS1 - Wk 2 & Tackers 2 - Wk 3 (1:30pm-5:30pm)	
Sunday, 19 February 2017	9.00am	Club Championship Race 12			
	1:30pm	Teams Racing		Tackers 1 - Wk 3 (1:30pm-5:30pm)	
Tuesday, 21 February 2017		Trinity School Sailing Intro (French Students) 11:30am - 2:30pm			
Saturday, 25 February 2017	am			Better Sailing - Wk 4 (9am-1pm)	
	pm			SS1 - Wk 3 & Tackers 2 - Wk 4 (1:30pm-5:30pm)	
	11:00am			Sailability 12pm - 3pm (set up from 11am)	
Sunday, 26 February 2017	9.00am	Club Championship Race 13			
	1:30pm	Introductory / Fun Racing		Tackers 1 - Wk 4 (1:30pm-5:30pm)	
MARCH					
Saturday, 4 March 2017	am			First Aid & CPR Courses	
				Better Sailing - Wk 5 (9am-1pm)	
	pm			Tackers 2 - Wk 5 (1:30pm-5:30pm)	
Sunday, 5 March 2017	9.00am	Club Championship Race 14			
	1:30pm	Teams Racing		Tackers 1 - Wk 5 (1:30pm-5:30pm)	
Saturday, 11 March 2017					
Sunday, 12 March 2017		No Club Racing due to Class State Championships			
Monday, 13 March 2017				Victorian Labour Day	
Saturday, 18 March 2017	am			SS2 - Week 1 (9am-1pm) Trinity School Sailing Intro (1:30pm - 4:30pm)	
	11:00am			Sailability 12pm - 3pm (set up from 11am)	
Sunday, 19 March 2017	9.00am	Club Championship Race 15			
	1:30pm	Introductory / Fun Racing			
Saturday, 25 March 2017	am				
	9.00am	Club Championship Race 16		SS2 - Week 2 (9am-1pm)	
Sunday, 26 March 2017	1:30pm	Teams Racing			

Nautical Quiz - Answer

If you think this looks like a Bowline you'd be correct, it's a Bowline on a Bight. If you need a loop or eye somewhere in the middle, as opposed to an end, of a sheet or line this knot would do the job. Similar to the more common Bowline, a Bowline on a Bight is quick to tie, secure, you don't have to run and end through the knot and it won't bind.



New Bow Thrusters!!!

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