

Drummoyne Sailing Club Season 2019/20 Sailing Report

Commodore's Report

In 2019/20 Drummoyne Sailing Club continued its proud history of sailing in the western harbour and competing in regattas at home and away across a range of classes, offering the opportunity for sailors and non-sailors alike to participate in our sport.

Season Overview

The Sabot continues to be our entry level dinghy for our junior sailors and one of our largest fleets. This year saw a very active Sabot program with our sailors participating in mid-week training on Tuesday evenings, our regular Sunday race program, Southern NSW Zone training camps, the Sabot State Titles hosted by Drummoyne and the Nationals at Vaucluse. As always, the Sabot sailors demonstrated for the rest of us what great fun it is to be out on the water with friends, learning and competing. We saw Flying 11s back in action at Drummoyne for the first time in a number of years and our Lasers having a very competitive season.

The 2019-20 season also saw the continued growth of the Cherub class with the return of many experienced crews as well as some new hands joining the season's racing. It was great to see Oliver Jones put his brand new Cherub, which he built along with the help and guidance of other Drummoyne sailors, New Direction, on the water. The Cherub class is a real success story for DSC providing our youth sailors with exciting and competitive sailing, a friendly and inclusive social atmosphere and a pathway into Skiff sailing.

The International OK Dinghy class continued to demonstrate why it is such a popular class with highly competitive racing at home, the States on Lake Macquarie and at the Nationals in Adelaide (four sailors towed their boats across the Hay Plain in 40+ degrees – that's commitment!).

The 16ft Skiffs have continued to rebuild their fleet numbers and competitiveness and had another successful year at Drummoyne with 7 boats competing throughout the season. We had 3 boats competing at a state level and 4 competing at a national level. Notably, Drummoyne has 6 females competing across 4 boats, the highest female participation at any club across Australia.

Hartley TS16 numbers remained strong in 2019-20, the 51st year of Hartley sailing at DSC, with 17 boats registered and 14 regularly sailing. The season presented some great racing with some new boats and crew as well as the return of the highly competitive team of Eric Partland and Gary Wills in Uncle Norm.

The Yachts continued their successful program this year with excellent participation. The yachts again conducted 5 series including our ever-popular twilight series which had over 59 entries. Presentations after our Tuesday night Twilight Series continued to be a great success and a key social focal point for our sailors. The highlight of the season was the Combined West Harbour Series which was conducted with Drummoyne Sailing Club, Balmain Sailing Club, Greenwich Flying Squadron and the Parramatta River Sailing Club.

The series attracted highly competitive fleets with 63 entries (15 DSC) in the Winter, 39 entries (9 DSC) in the Spring Series and 42 entries (10 DSC) in the Summer Series. This cooperation between the clubs only strengthens the position of our club and sailing west of the Harbour Bridge.

Club members were again active in sailing in State and National Championships and major regattas:

- 16 ft Skiffs - Over 50 boats competed at the 2019/20 National Championships in Salamander Bay, Port Stephens. Drummoyne achieved notable results with Nozomi (Andrew Chapman) achieving a 20th on scratch and 20th on handicap, Fire Stopping (David Mitchell) achieved a 33rd on scratch and a 30th on handicap. Shoreline Apparel (Nathan McNamara) placed 40th on scratch and 5th on handicap, an incredible achievement for their first year in 16s and Drummoyne's best result in this Championship series. Edenda (Tilly Lang) recorded 43rd on scratch and 24th on handicap.
- Cherub Nationals - 12 Cherubs made the trip up to Darling Point Sailing Club in Brisbane where Emma Harris and Brendan Jenkins took out first place and first female skipper. The Cadet Champion (helm under 18 yrs.) was won by our own Maddie Lavis helming 3179 Between the Sheets with father Ben Lavis. Cathy Pagett, was the best placed female crew also from Drummoyne.
- Sabot Nationals - 10 Sabots ventured up the harbour to sail their Nationals out of Vaucluse Sailing Club where over 50 boats competed for honours. The conditions were challenging; however, a lot of fun was had by all and some good results achieved, with Oscar Moy coming in 10th, Nick von Behre 17th, then Simon Clayton-Adam 21st and Evie Doolan 27th, Max Lane 36th, Lucy Nelson 40th all in their first nationals, and James Medland who suffered a number of gear failures, causing him to miss a number of races, in 48th.
- Sabot Week - saw Josh Green in 5th, Andrew Worsfold in 11th, and Alex Clark in 12th. In the 2ups Sarah Doolin and Kirby Valtwies in Where's Wally and William Nelson and Emma Badger in Top Gun took out first and second respectively.
- OK Dinghy Nationals - The Ok Dinghy's sailed their nationals out of Adelaide Sailing Club with 4 boats making the trip across. Peter Robinson took out 7th Place, followed by Grant Wakefield taking out 9th, Philip Barnett followed in 18th and Michael Walker finished in 26th, taking out the Grand Champion trophy for the regatta.

- Hartley TS16s - In the State championship, Uncle Norm came third, Tranquil fourth, and Vinca, sixth. In the National Championship, Ultimately Sinister, skippered by Craig Jelfs, came third, Uncle Norm came fourth and Annette came fifth.
- Yachts – 2 of our yachts along with many individual sailors competed in the Sydney to Hobart race. Admiral skippered by Steve Piper came 5th in the Sydney 38s and Arch Rival came 12th in the Corinthian PHS division. 7 Drummoyne yachts competed in the Sydney Harbour Regatta with XRay, skippered by Ray Parrott, coming first in the Performance Spinnaker Division 2 in his first year in the division. Ruth Lawrence (regular skipper of Alchemy at DSC) led a Drummoyne crew on an S80 in the 29th Australian Women's Keelboat Regatta 2019 at St Kilda, Melbourne over the June long weekend. The fleet has grown each year and this year saw 39 entries with over 300 women competing. The crew did extremely well in strong gusty conditions in a competitive fleet of 25 to finish 7th.

Across all divisions and classes 22 boats travelled and competed in State and National Championships during the season. They travelled to South Australia and Queensland as well as to Port Stephens, Gosford and Lake Macquarie. To offset the costs of travel, the board of the club generously provided assistance in the form of travelling grants. This is much appreciated.

One particularly pleasing event this year was the first 'Kids on Yachts' night which saw 14 yachts take a total of 20 young, and slightly older, kids from the Juniors out in the Yachts Christmas twilight race. This event saw a fantastic mix of sailing generations out competing together, teaching and learning from each other, and passing on old stories. We look forward to this becoming a regular part of our sailing calendar building connections across our sailing divisions and building pathways for our young sailors.

National Sailing League

The Club entered two teams in the National Sailing League for the first time. Teams from sailing clubs around the country race each other in zones with a view to ultimately representing Australia in the world championship (the RSYs represented Australia last year and won the Championship in Russia!). Teams came from Sydney, Newcastle Yacht Club, Townsville Sailing Club and the Australian Defense Force Sailing Club to compete at Hunters Hill.

We were particularly keen to enter this year as the competition was being run in our home waters. DSC entered a youth (Evie Haseldine, Lockie Beetham, Peter McLoud and Will Beck) and a women's (Kanya Raj. Skipper, Ruth Lawrence, Catronia Glassock and Zahra Plumsted) team.

Results for DSC were mixed, as we had only one sailor who had competed in this type of competition before. Our women's team achieved a 2nd in one race and a number of 3rd places, and our junior team came 3rd and 4th in a number of races. In the overall point score our women's team came in 8th and junior team 10th. A great effort considering most of our sailors were new to this type of sailing, these types of boats and had limited opportunity to practice.

Most importantly everyone had fun, our sailors picked up some new skills and we promoted sailing at Drummoyne. We are looking forward to next year's competition. I would like to thank Dave Haseldine for promoting the opportunity to participate in the series and Warwick Plumstead for all of his hard work making this happen as well as the Board of DSC for their financial support for our entries.

Sailing Academy

The DSC Sailing Academy continues to introduce new sailors to our sport and to the Drummoyne Sailing Club. The Academy runs a number of programs for youth and adult sailors including holiday camps, Learn to Sail and Better Sailing. A key focus of the Academy has been the transition of Academy students to racing at Drummoyne and in some courses we have seen retention rates climb to as high as 36%. This pathway from Academy to ongoing sailing participation is a key element of our Sailing Strategy.

The Academy continues to develop and we look forward to the Academy working with schools in our local area to offer sailing as part of their sports programs and expanding our adult learn to sail activities in the coming year.

Sailing Strategy

We commenced the development of a Sailing Strategy with a Town Hall on 27 November 2019 with approximately 40 sailors, volunteers and interested club members attending. We focused on what is working well at Drummoyne and what we would like to see improved. People gave very generously of their time and ideas and we came up with 4 themes for the further development of Sailing at Drummoyne:

1. Sailing organisation
2. Promotion and identity
3. Sailing attraction, progression and retention
4. Volunteering

The Sailing Committee decided we should start development against these themes by focusing our efforts on the Volunteering theme. Volunteers are the life blood of our Club and are crucial to the success of our sailing activities. Our volunteers and the Sailing Manager work together to ensure that we are able to get out on the water and enjoy the competition and camaraderie that attracts us to this great sport. I would like to thank all of our volunteers who support us on and off the water and contribute to a vibrant social sailing community.

A further Town Hall was held specifically to develop our actions under this theme on 19 February 2020. I would like to thank Simon and Fiona Armstrong-Bunker for their support in organising and running the meeting and getting the best out of everyone there. The following were identified as the key actions from the Town Hall:

1. Have a volunteer coordinator role across all sailing sub-clubs
2. Develop a volunteer induction program

3. Do a skills assessment of volunteers so we know what skills we have available at the club
4. Develop a bonus/reward point system – possibly using the club points system
5. Establish a system of flag officers

Whilst some progress has been made on implementation of these actions with Alex Palmer appointed as Volunteer Coordinator (thank you Alex), unfortunately shortly after the Town Hall the full weight of COVID-19 was felt and our progress has slowed. The Sailing Committee is committed to pushing forward with this important initiative and progressing immediate actions against the other themes.

Our sub-Clubs are a key part of the current structure of sailing at the DSC and it is important the sub-Clubs continue to remain strong and engaged with the Sailing Committee to coordinate our sailing activities and build connections across our different sailing classes. I would like to thank the contribution of our Sailing Committee members – Warwick Plumstead (Juniors), Ivan Fitzgerald (Yachts), Chris Giaquinto (Hartley TS16s), Tilly Lang and Brendan Jenkins (16ft Skiffs), Dave Haseldine and Bob Chapman (OK Dinghies), Alex Palmer and Simon Armstrong-Bunker - who worked tirelessly through the year to not only coordinate our activities but improve our strategy and planning activities and develop our response to COVID-19.

Covid

The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic was felt by the sailors at DSC with the final 3 races for the 16 ft Skiffs, Sabots, Cherubs, Hartley TS16s and Ok Dinghy's all being cancelled. The Yachts were fortunate that the close down occurred just after their final twilight race and after the completion of their summer competition.

Training camps for the Sailing Academy, organised training and practice sessions over winter were also largely abandoned. The Yachts were able to start their Combined West Harbour Winter Series on 14 June 2020 as a result of the easing of restrictions for a short 4 race series.

The down time was not totally lost due to the efforts of our Sailing Manager, some of our instructors and volunteers (Alex Palmer and Sandor Tornai to name a couple) who sowed new lawn in the lower car park, cleaned out the boat shed and conducted maintenance on all club sailing and support boats so that they are in tip top condition for the recommencement of sailing.

The Sailing Committee has developed a COVID-19 Safety Plan covering all sailing, aquatic and sailing related activities. The Safety Plan ensures that we are compliant with all Public Health Orders, both on and off the water, and we are protecting the health and safety of our sailors, volunteers and community. We will continue to monitor this evolving situation and that our Safety Plan continues to meet all Government requirements.

We are looking forward to getting back to “normal” sailing activity, seeing the dinghies rigged on the beach and hardstand, breakfast cooking on the barbeque and some tall tales back at the club after racing.

Safety

As with any sport or business, safety is an increasingly important aspect of our activities. The administrative and practical safety requirements of running sailing at the club are increasing year-by-year. Responsibility for safety is the responsibility of everyone involved – competitors, coaches, coordinators, race officials and volunteers. Whilst administration and coordination largely falls to the Sailing Manager, safety is the responsibility of all. The Club has a sailing operational plan which includes a risk assessment and management plan which is reviewed annually by the Sailing Committee.

I would like to thank the DSC Board and our new General Manager, Joe Ruzicka, for their continued support for the sailing activities at the club and our ongoing development. The sailing community recognize and appreciate the support.

Congratulations to all who participated, in whatever capacity, to making 2019/20 a great season. We enjoyed great competition in a fun, safe and social environment.

Stephen Brady
Commodore, DSC

16ft Skiff Report

The 16ft skiffs had another successful year at Drummoyne with 7 boats competing throughout the season. We had 3 boats competing at a state level and 4 competing at a national level. Notably, Drummoyne has 6 females competing across 4 boats, the highest female participation at any club across Australia.

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Firestopping had a very consistent season of intra-club racing achieving both the scratch and handicap championship wins. We're looking forward to another season of growth in the fleet and competitive racing.



David Mitchell, Daniel Barnett and Brendan Jenkins - Firestopping at Port Stephens

Daniel Barnett
16ft Skiffs President

Juniors Report.

And so, a successful season came to an early close, however we have been very privileged to have had the year we did. So, bearing in mind what a great year's sailing we have had, it would be great to reflect on that for a moment.

I'd like to thank a number of volunteers who gave up their time to make the season a success. Firstly, Dave Mitchell and the Board for their support, especially in relation to getting the women's showers updated, and our 2 National League teams to the regatta at Hunters Hill. Our Commodore, Stephen Brady, who's support and passion has helped us get a more cohesive club this year and worked to help coordinate the many classes and regattas across many fleets, and taking forward many issues to the board for us. Our General Manager Joe for his support and behind the scenes help whenever I have asked. Our Race officer, Alex Palmer, who works tirelessly to make every race safe, and a success. We couldn't do what we do without him. And Simon Armstrong Bunker for stepping in as RO, as organiser of anything and everything when required. Sarah Moy, Gail Kellam and a multitude of helpers on the BBQ who have kept us fed every week. We all look forward to our Sunday bacon and egg rolls. Beach Master David Nelson and all the support boat drivers and crews, who get us all out, set the course and us all back safely every week, and Darrell Moy for his tireless effort on endless boat repairs keeping kids on the water. Our Class Reps Tim, Josie, Brendan and David. Tim in particular has been incredibly busy organising coaching, learn to race, and coordinating for regattas both at DSC and away. All the committee who work tirelessly to keep us going and keeping me on track. And Lily Peel for keeping our Facebook and Website up to date, and drafting much of what your reading, making me look far more literate than I really am.

So how has the sailing year unfolded?

In conjunction with the yachts (Thank you Ivan for organising) we held the first ever 'Kids on yachts' night which saw 14 yachts take out a total of 20 young, and slightly older kids in their Christmas twilight race. This event saw a beautiful combination of different generations all sailing together, teaching and learning off each other, passing on old stories. Some of the kids even came off the yachts a little richer after deciding that a swear jar was needed on some yachts.



A second night was organized in the second half of the season, however our old friend, the wind failed to show up, and the rain made its presence known, so the evening was cancelled, as we all enjoyed a beer and a chat instead.

Sabots



We held the SNSW zone training camp held in September of 2019 which saw 8 sabots hit the water over the three days and hone their sailing skills. We then held the Sabot State

Titles over the weekend of the 2nd and 3rd of November which saw 57 sabots squeeze onto our beach.

The second round in Gosford saw a weekend of heavy rain and gales, as all racing was unfortunately cancelled.

10 Sabots ventured up the harbour to sail their Nationals out of Vaucluse Sailing Club, where over 50 boats competed for honours. The conditions were challenging however a lot of fun was had by all and some good results were achieved. With Oscar Moy coming in 10th and Nick von Behre 17th. Then Simon Clayton-Adam 21st, Evie Doolan 27th, Max Lane 36th and Lucy Nelson 40th all in their first nationals, with James Medland who suffered a number of gear failures, causing him to miss a number of races, in 48th.

Sabot week 1up saw Josh Green in 5th, Andrew Worsfold in 11th, and Alex Clark in 12th. 2up Sarah Doolin and Kirby Valtwies in Where's Wally and Willem Nelson and Emma Badger in Top Gun took out first and second place respectfully.

The Juniors also started their Mid-week Sabot Training held in conjunction with the Yachts twilights on Tuesday nights. The training saw an average of 7 boats turn up to training each week, being looked after by coaches Lily Peel and Haylee Kellam. And to top it off, a few of the parents crewed on yachts. So, a good event for all.



This season saw the addition of another learn to sail program come out of the Sailing Academy operating on Sundays now not just Saturdays. We look forward to seeing a whole lot more children enter the racing this upcoming season.

Flying 11s

For the first time in a very long time Drummoyne saw one of its Flying 11s entered into a National regatta, with Oscar Moy along with longtime friend Eddie Yoshida making the long trip up to Queensland to compete. With very little training and an array of boat problems they managed to finish 51st overall, how good.

The last few weeks of the season saw two of the club flying 11s hit the water with sabot sailors giving three sails rather than one a go. There is renewed interest from some of our young sailors in reviving our fleet in the upcoming season.

Lasers



The laser fleet had a great 2019/2020 season. The fleet remained strong for the season, running a variety of courses, often choosing to run two short races rather than a single long race.

The season ended with Josie Armstrong-Bunker taking out the club championship and handicap point score with Jude Robinson taking out the scratch points score.

Cherubs



The season saw the return of many old sailing duos hit the water, as well as a magnitude of new sailors joining the seasons racing. Oliver Jones managed to put his brand-new Cherub, which he built along with the help and guidance of other Drummoyne sailors, New Direction, on the water.



We took a break from club racing over the Christmas new year period which saw 12 Cherubs make the trip up to Darling Point Sailing Club in Brisbane where Emma Harrison and Brendan Jenkins took out first place and first female skipper, the Cadet Champion (helm under 18 yrs) was won by our own Maddie Lavis helming 3179 Between the Sheets with father Ben Lavis. Cathy Pagett, was the best place female crew also from Drummoyne.

It was a big year for Emma and Brendan with After Dark also taking out the NSW Championships, and 1st on scratch for the summer season and 2nd in the club championship.

RS21

This season saw 8 Drummoyne sailors from all areas of junior and yacht racing head over to Hunters Hill Sailing Club to compete in the northern selection round for the National Sailing League (NSL) competing RD 21s. The DSC teams came away with some good results, including a few seconds and third places in some heats.



I'd like to thank all those who have contributed to the year and I feel very privileged to have been part of the season we have had and I am looking forward to next season.

Warwick Plumsted
Juniors President

OK Dinghies Report

Given the shortened season only a total of seventeen races were sailed over the season with a variety of conditions experienced. The Club Championship was won by Grant Wakefield sailing AUS 776 Space Monkey. The Club Point Score was won by Jim Dwyer sailing his new boat AUS 788 Tokyo Drift.

Special mention goes to Jim Dwyer as he was the only OK sailor to complete every race during the season.

The Myuna Bay OK Sprint Championships steeped in tradition with a long history of the rivalry which exists between Wangi Sailing Club and DSC OK's was hosted by DSC this time around on the weekend of 14 and 15 September. Mark Skelton (AUS753) from Wangi SC took a well deserved win over eight races which were sailed in light conditions. Mark raced a very consistent regatta to be the clear winner. Second overall was Peter Robinson (AUS774), the best performing local sailor and third went to Tim Davies (AUS779) also from Wangi. The handicap win went to David Haseldine racing his newly acquired Delfs - AUS732.

DSC OK Sailors also competed in the NSW State Championships held at Wangi Amateur Sailing Club over the weekend of the 2nd and 3rd of November 2019, a number of Queensland OK sailors travelled South to join in the fun with the locals and DSC members. The regatta was sailed in the best conditions the Lake can produce with honking Nor Easterns on both days. Best of the DSC crowd was Peter Robinson and Mark Rutherford in 6th and 7th respectively.

The NSW OK Association also runs a Sydney Harbour Championship over various weekends throughout the season to promote the class at different clubs to encourage new members to join us. Unfortunately, events outside our control occurred. The Vaucluse regatta had to be abandoned due to lack of wind with the race officials unable to set a course.

The racing to be held at the Sydney Flying Squadron at Lavender Bay had to be rescheduled due to a conflict, a new date was set however the COVID 19 Pandemic raised its head and the event was cancelled.

Four DSC OK Sailors towed their boats across the Hay Plain with temperatures in excess of 40 degrees to compete in the 2019/2020 OK National Championships held at Adelaide Sailing Club commencing on the 5th January 2020. There were thirty two entries, two DSC sailors finished in the top 10. Peter Robinson 7th and Grant Wakefield 9th, Phil Barnett 18th and Mike Walker 26th. Mike Walker also won the Grand Masters.

DSC OK sailors would like to express our gratitude to Alex Palmer and his starting team for their support of the OK fleet over the season. Without a starter there is no racing.

David Haseldine

Hartley TS16s Report

The 2019/20 season was like no other. Several races were cancelled because of strong winds, while another ended with every boat becalmed near Mann's Point.

There were winds seemingly from around the compass, including a nor-easter Race official Ken Nagle said was the best for several seasons. And of course the season ended early, after 20 of the programmed 23 races had been sailed, due to Covid-19.

The 2019/20 season was the TS16s' 51st at Drummoyne Sailing Club. Between them TS16 sailors have accumulated hundreds of years of membership of the Club. A number are life-long members of the club, having started in Sabots and VJs and competed in different classes over the decades. Several were new to the Club this season.

There were 17 boats registered, but only 14 raced.

The 2019/20 season saw the return of the formidable team of Eric Partland and Gary Wills in Uncle Norm. Eric, in Uncle Bob and then Uncle Roy, won the TS16 championship every year from 2005/5 to 2017/8, except for 2010/11. They took last season off, but Eric and Gary returned this year in Uncle Norm. Uncle Norm was built in 1970 and is the oldest boat in the DSC fleet. It was most recently owned by TS16 stalwart Norm Thompson, who sailed at Saratoga. After Norm passed away, Eric bought the boat and changed its name from Exit to Uncle Norm. Eric said Norm had been a dear friend since they raced 12 footers at Balmain in the 1960s. It took half a dozen races for Eric to get the boat tuned to his satisfaction and to start winning races again. Eric started sailing at DSC in the VJs when he was 10, and Gary began in the Sabots, and their long experience on the local waters make them hard to beat. Uncle Norm finished the season triumphant, winning the TS16 Championship, the Summer Point Score and the Fastest Point Score and was second in the Season Point Score and the Spring Point Score.

The club welcomed new members Darren and Kylie Chignell who sail Aeolian. Darren is a former champion windsurfer, and Kylie had never sailed before, but they quickly learnt the ropes, and steadily improved throughout the season. They won the Jack Gilliard Memorial Point Score, came second in the Summer Point Score and third in the Season Point Score and the Spring Point Score.

Darren said he became interested in the TS16s because he had always loved wooden boats, he wanted to teach Kylie to sail, and he thought the TS16 was a good boat to learn on. Darren said he received a lot of help and encouragement from other club members and his sailing experience with the DSC TS16s has been excellent.

Peter Barnes, a long-time DSC sailor, after a period away from the water, made a stunning return sailing in Hirondelle with Geoff Smith. Geoff, who owns and built Hirondelle, likes being a for'ard hand, so Peter skippered. Peter joined DSC as a junior, sailing in the Flying 11s. Some of the boys he sailed against as a junior, he found himself sailing against this season in the TS16s. His father, Keith, had a TS16, and Peter sailed with him, so he was familiar with the class. Hirondelle won its first two races, winning handicap and fastest time in both.

Peter and Linda Deall also joined, but while they took their boat Merlot out during the week, they didn't race.

Racing brings many small victories. Among them was Ten's win on handicap in the last race of the season. Father and son team, Ken and Ian Caldwell have trailed the fleet for much of the past two seasons. But with Ian on the tiller in the last race, and Ten on the highest handicap, they lead from the start and never relinquished their lead. Ian was thrilled to record their first win. "We never expected to come first. Most weeks we're happy if we complete the course." He said they had received a lot of help from other TS16 sailors who were always willing to offer advice. "It's a great club," Ian said.

Ron Johnston, who sails Annette with his grandson, Ben Speed, won the Season and Spring Point Score, and came third in the Summer Point Score and Fastest Point Score. The Johnstons like to keep the point score in the family.

Ron's sons, David and Russell Johnston, sail Murphy's Law. Last season they won the clean sweep of the point scores. This season Murphy's Law won second place in both the Don Jelf's Memorial Point Score and the Jack Gilliard Memorial Point Score.

Chris Giaquinto, who sails Helen Joy with Keith Carter alternating with Ross Pollitt as crew, won the Don Jelfs Point Score. Helen Joy also won three races, a small club joined by Hirondelle and Ella, sailed by Bob Russell and Nick Broughton.

Other race winners were Tranquil, Neil Johnson and Brett Pollitt, who won two, and Ultimately Sinister, Neil Bilsborough and Denis McDermott, who won one.

Tranquil and Ultimately Sinister were highly competitive, coming second and third respectively in the Championship. There was every chance the unsailed final championship could have produced another result.

Neil Johnson, who is Club President, and Brett are also long time DSC sailors. Brett came to TS16s three seasons ago after a very successful career in the skiffs.

Neil Bilsborough is a carpenter and a master TS16 builder, having built several of the fleet and supported others in building their own boats. Denis has perhaps the longest record of sailing with the Club; he first stepped into a VJ at Drummoyne 64 years ago.

The fleet is well matched, with the handicappers doing an excellent job. The result was some very close finishes, with the first four or five boats frequently finishing within several minutes of each other.

In race three, the first Championship race, after keeping within a couple of boat lengths for the entire race, Ultimately Sinister crossed the finish line in front of Tranquil by one second.

In Race 8, which was sailed in a fresh nor-easter which saw TS16s planning down past Cockatoo Island, the first four boats finished within two minutes.

TS16 sailors are good judges of their skills: that day only six boats took to the water, one suffered a breakage and had to retire, so there were five finishers.

Race 15 proved the most challenging. Despite the strong wind warning for Sydney enclosed waters and forecast heavy rain, four boats – Murphy's Law, Helen Joy, Tranquil and Uncle Norm - started. The course was no. 1, Easterly. Conditions at the start, at 2pm, were wet with the wind ranging between 10 and 15 knots. But when the small fleet rounded, or neared buoy 6 at about 3pm, a huge rain and wind squall hit. The strongest gust was measured at 36 knots ENE. Murphy's Law, which was over on the Hunters Hill shore, saw the weather coming and headed for the club house.

Uncle Norm broke some equipment and quickly lowered the mainsail, and were towed in. By that stage the rain was stinging and the water was streaked white.

Helen Joy and Tranquil headed for the lee of Cockatoo and Spectacle Islands respectively. After the worst passed, both came into the club house under their jibs.

All over the harbour boats were capsizing and races were cancelled. It was a credit to the experience of the TS16 fleet that there were no capsize or injuries.

A number of boats competed in the NSW TS16 championship in October and the National Championship over the New Year. In the state championship, Uncle Norm came third, Tranquil fourth, and Vinca, Trevor Bell and Ian Horrocks, sixth.

In the National Championship, Ultimately Sinister, skippered by Craig Jelfs, came third, Uncle Norm came fourth and Annette, skippered by Michael Chapman, came fifth.

The Club would like to thank Race Official Ken Nagle, who was awarded a well deserved Life Membership last year, and Denise Walsh for their tireless efforts, week after week, through bitter cold to stifling heat, to enable the Club to race.

By Asa Wahlquist

Results

Championship

1. Uncle Norm, Eric Partland and Gary Wills
2. Tranquil, Neil Johnson and Brett Pollitt
3. Ultimately Sinister, Neil Bilsborough and Denis McDermott

Season Point Score

1. Annette, Ron Johnston and Ben Speed
2. Uncle Norm, Eric Partland and Gary Wills
3. Aeolian, Darren and Kylie Chignell

Summer Point Score

1. Uncle Norm, Eric Partland and Gary Wills
2. Aeolian, Darren and Kylie Chignell
3. Annette, Ron Johnston and Ben Speed

Fastest Point Score

1. Uncle Norm, Eric Partland and Gary Wills
2. Tranquil, Neil Johnson and Brett Pollitt
3. Annette, Ron Johnston and Ben Speed

Spring Point Score

1. Annette, Ron Johnston and Ben Speed
2. Uncle Norm, Eric Partland and Gary Wills
3. Aeolian, Darren and Kylie Chignell

Don Jelfs Memorial Point Score

1. Helen Joy, Chris Giaquinto
2. Murphy's Law, David and Russell Johnston
3. Tranquil, Neil Johnson and Brett Pollitt

Jack Gilliard Memorial Point Score

1. Aeolian, Darren and Kylie Chignell
2. Murphy's Law, David and Russell Johnston
3. Ten, Ian and Ken Caldwell

Neil Johnson

TS16s President

Yacht Report

Welcome to another successful season of sailing at Drummoyne Sailing Club!

I would like to thank and welcome all members of the Yacht Division both sailors and the committee.

Firstly, a special mention to our yacht division committee. A special mention for the efforts of Ivan Fitz-Gerald a huge thank you for your never-ending contribution and commitment to sailing at the club and for putting your hand up to be our vice president and our division rep and being highly involved with the running of our division.

A special thank you to Kluuk Walenkamp for his commitment to his task of Secretary. Not only is Kluuk our secretary but he also chases sponsorship and negotiates great deals for our division prizes like shirts, vests, jumpers etc.

Also thank you to Michael Costa for his continuing commitment to the club and his great work as our treasurer.

Alex Palmer for his endless commitment and dedication to the club, Alex a life member of the club as well as a race officer, starter and is also highly involved with other divisions of the club and a special mention to all the volunteers involved on the club vessels etc.

Thankyou Adam Brown for being our handicapper this year and for your desire to be involved with the sailing at DSC.

Also thank you to James Brigden for his creation of the DSC yacht division FB page and his continued contribution.

I would also like to thank The Directors, Management, Staff, and our Commodore Steve Brady for their continued support and the great working relationship that we enjoy.

The yacht division continued its successful program this year with excellent participation in all our racing for the 2019 – 2020 season. This year again we conducted 5 series including our ever-popular twilight series which had over 59 entries.

The highlight was the combined Winter series 63 entries (15), Spring Series 39 entries (9) and Summer Series 42 entries (10) which are great numbers for these events.

These numbers show that the continued era of cooperation between the Drummoyne Sailing Club and the Balmain Sailing Club is an ongoing success.

This only strengthens the position of our club and sailing west of the harbour bridge.

Our presentations after our Tuesday night Twilight series continued to be a great success and I am sure all those that attend would agree. Thank you to Dina for cooking the BBQ for us, I am sure everybody enjoyed her delicious burgers etc. We also added a raffle to the presentations this year with a bottle of rum as a prize always proving extremely popular!

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I would also like congratulate Arch Rival and Admiral for representing DSC in the Rolex Sydney to Hobart Yacht Race. The work and commitment not to mention the expense to compete at this level is immense. Again, I would like to thank my crew of Andrew Pamflett, Ivan Fitzgerald, James Cameron, Brian Hood, Aaron Chandler, Helen Springer, JC Ledun, Ben Hobbs, Evie Devros, Andrew Thyrd and Marco Bergamaschi for their commitment and hard work to get us there and back!

Our winners for the past season were: -

2019 - 2020 Twilight Series.

YELLOW DIVISION

	Boat	Skipper	Points
1 st	BOXER	Michael Spencer Brown & Sandor Tornai	54
2 nd	CROWDED HAUS	Graeme & Jason Neuhaus	54
3 rd	COCONUT TELEGRAPH	Anthony Cornish	57

BLUE DIVISION

1 st	G MAJOR	Robin Tickner	45
2 nd	DOUBLE TROUBLE	Steve, Jackie & Alex Wyatt	55
3 rd	ON YA VA	James Brigden	56

BLACK DIVISION

1 st	SILHOUETTE	Dougie Allan	52
2 nd	RHONDO	David Swales	60
3 rd	TULIP	Kluuk Walenkamp	67.5

GREEN DIVISION

1 st	FELICITY	Michael Costa	58.5
2 nd	WITCHWAYS 11	Jeff Finnegan	65
3 rd	GOLD DUST	Bob Griffiths	67

2019 Combined West Harbour Winter Series (DSC boats listed only)

DIVISION 1

1 st	BOXER	Michael Spencer Brown & Sandor Tornai	16
3 rd	OPHIR	Bruce Tavener	21
5 th	MAGIC	Trevor Aldous	26

DIVISION 2

1 st	Y KNOT	Stephen & Sue Brady	11
5 th	QUICKSTICKS	Bill Warren	25

DIVISION 3

2 nd	ATARA	Ken Conyard	17
3 rd	EAU DE VIE	Kevin Gray	21

DIVISION 4

2 nd	TULIP	Kluuk Walenkamp	19
3 rd	WITCHWAYS 11	Jeff Finnegan	20
6 th	ALCAMY	Ruth Lawrence	36

2019 Combined West Harbour Spring Series (DSC boats listed only)

DIVISION 1

4 th	BOXER	Michael Spencer Brown & Sandor Tornai	18
8 th	X-RAY	Ray Parrott	24.5

DIVISION 2

2 nd	NORTEL	Ivan Fitzgerald	14
4 th	YNOT	Stephen & Sue Brady	16

DIVISION 3

4 th	ATARA	Ken Conyard	25
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DIVISION 4

3 rd	WITCHWAYS 11	Jeff Finnegan	12
4 th	TULIP	Kluuk Walenkamp	16
7 th	ALCAMY	Ruth Lawrence	32

2019 Combined West Harbour Summer Series (DSC boats listed only)

DIVISION 1

8 th	X-RAY	Ray Parrott	24
9 th	BOXER	Michael Spencer Brown & Sandor Tornai	26

DIVISION 2

2 nd	NORTEL	Ivan Fitzgerald	14
3 rd	YNOT	Stephen & Sue Brady	16

DIVISION 3

3 rd	ATARA	Ken Conyard	25
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DIVISION 4

3 rd	WITCHWAYS 11	Jeff Finnegan	15
6 th	TULIP	Kluuk Walenkamp	23
8 th	NO BULL	Leo Delissen	29

Club Champion and Ron Cant Trophy

Previous winners are Steven Piper, Michael Spencer -Brown, Jeff Finnigan, Dougie Allen, Steve & Sue Brady.

And the winner is again Jeff Finnegan on his expertly sailed Endeavour 26!

This result shows Jeff's commitment to races in all series by DSC and Combined West Harbour races.

As you can see from the close results of the season the racing has been very close and highly competitive on the water but is also extremely social off the water!

I look forward to another successful DSC Yacht Division Sailing Season.

Do not think what your club can do for you but think what you can do for your club!

See you all on the water!

Steve Piper

President DSC Yacht Division