

Commodore's Report Season 2017-18

The Drummoyne Sailing Club continues to support the sport of sailing and racing across a range of classes and provides plenty of opportunity for sailors and non-sailors to participate in the sport.

The number of sailors registered at the club fell somewhat during the season (from 282 to 229 registered sailors). The main contributor to this was a decline in the number of yacht division members. Junior (Sabot) sailing numbers also declined but to a lesser extent and the Juniors division remains the largest in the club with 102 members. Steps have been taken to ensure that a decline in registered sailors is reversed in the next season.

The Sabot continues to be the central junior class at the club, providing an opportunity for junior sailors to learn sailing and racing skills. At DSC sailors have an opportunity to learn to sail in a Sabot and move very quickly into very enjoyable and supportive Sabot club racing program. Sabot sailors at DSC also invariably progress into competing at zone and state championships and then on to competing at Australian Championship level.

The 2017-18 season saw the continued growth of the Cherub class and DSC continues to provide the backbone of the class in NSW, with numbers growing steadily and many of the new boats introduced to the class also being built by DSC sailors. It is a strong and vibrant class providing excellent competitive racing and a lot of fun both on and off the water. Youth sailors from other classes at DSC find it hard to resist the "pull of the Cherub."

The International OK Dinghy class also continued to grow this season with 15 OK's racing at the club throughout the season. A team of DSC OK sailors won the NSW Teams Racing event held at Wangi SC during the season.

A particularly pleasing outcome in 2017-18 was the start of the rejuvenation of the 16' Skiff fleet at the club. A number of former junior sailors at the club have joined the class and purchased boats and along with some of the 'old hands' are making a great contribution to building the class up again. Many thanks to the sponsors and supporters who have helped make this possible.

Hartley numbers also remained strong in 2017-18 with 14 boats registered and regularly sailing. A highlight of the 2017-18 season was Craig Jelfs and Neil Bilsborough winning the Australian Championship at Portarlington SC on Port Philip Bay, Victoria.

Tuesday night twilight racing continues to be the cornerstone of the Yacht Division racing program and is enjoyed by all who participate. The Combined Upper Harbour clubs Winter Series and Sunday racing throughout the season are also popular events. Yachts and sailors from DSC also compete in a range of other events from Airlie Beach Race Week, Hamilton Island Race week, The Sydney to Hobart, Sydney Harbour Super 30's series, various Australian Championships and many other events throughout the season. There are plenty of opportunities for yacht sailors, owners and crew to participate at all levels in yachting through the DSC.

Across all divisions and classes 28 boats and 31 competitors travelled and competed in Australian Championships during the season. They travelled to Queensland, Western Australia and Victoria. To offset the costs of travel, the board of the club generously provided assistance in the form of travelling grants. This is much appreciated.

Former DSC Sabot sailor Evie Haseldine (15) won the Nacra 15 Australian Championship and the Australia Youth Championship. Subsequently she was selected in the Australian Youth Sailing Team and has represented Australia sailing the Nacra 15 in a number of international events, including the Youth Olympic games in Argentina.

Long-term and very active club members John and Margaret Sanderson have continued their deep commitment to the Sailability NSW program for disabled sailors. In 2018 they attended and competed in the Hansa Class World and International Championship in Hiroshima Japan, in support of the disabled sailors they train and support.

Volunteers remain crucial to the success of the club. Volunteers and the Sailing Manager, working together, ensure that the sailing programs at the club run successfully and smoothly. Under the current structure of sailing at the DSC it is important that the sailing divisions maintain a strong and involved divisional organisation and that each division interfaces closely with the sailing committee which is chaired by the commodore. Attendance of sailing committee meetings by divisional representatives is a must.

Safety is an increasingly important aspect of running sailing at the club and the administrative and practical safety requirements are increasing year-by-year. Responsibility for safety administration largely falls to the Sailing Manager but volunteers and sailors must also honour and be committed to fulfilling the requirements around safety.

The DSC club and management remains committed to supporting sailing activities at the club and the sailing community recognize and appreciate the support.

Congratulations and thanks to all involved for building a great sailing environment.

Grant Wakefield
Commodore, DSC

16ft Skiff Division Season 2017-18

The sailing season finished with competitive sailing under varying weather conditions throughout the season. Congratulations to the lady skippers for very fine effort throughout the season and we look forward to seeing them on the water the next sailing season.

SKIFFS REGISTERED

Compo	Ron Garner
Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu	Greta Quealy
Edenda	Tilly Lang
Port Jackson Marine	Kiera Vickery
Waterway Constructions	David Mitchell

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

1 st	Waterway Constructions
2 nd	Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu
3 rd	Compo
4 th	Edenda
5 th	Port Jackson Marine

Congratulations to David Mitchell, Kirk Mitchell and Daniel Barnett on winning the Club Championship.

SAESON'S HANDICAP POINT SCORE

1 st	Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu
2 nd	Waterway Constructions
3 rd	Compo
4 th	Edenda
5 th	Port Jackson Marine

Congratulations to Greta Quealy, Tim Valtwies and Andrew Sheldrick on winning the Season's Handicap Point Score.

FASTEST TIME POINT SCORE

1 st	Waterway Constructions
2 nd	Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu
3 rd	Edenda
4 th	Compo
5 th	Port Jackson Marine

Congratulations to David Mitchell, Kirk Mitchell and Daniel Barnett on winning the Fastest Time Point Score.

JACK CURTIS KNOCK-OUT COMPETITION

Congratulation's to David Mitchell, Kirk Mitchell and Daniel Barnett sailing "Waterway Constructions" on winning this event.

LAWRENCE CORNISH MEMORIAL TROPHY

Congratulations to Tilly Lang and her crew on winning this trophy.

UPPER HARBOUR CHAMPIONSHIP

CHAMPIONSHIP

1 st	Brydens Lawyers	Kurt Hansen	St George
2 nd	Typhoon	Craig Nicholls	Manly
3 rd	Manly Surf N Slide	Daniel Phillips	Manly

HANDICAP

1 st	Edenda	Tilly Lang	Drummoyne
2 nd	Waterway Constructions	David Mitchell	Drummoyne
3 rd	Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu	Greta Queally	Drummoyne

Our thanks and appreciation are accorded to the volunteer Sailing Officials, Ken (Starter & Judge), Denise (Assistant Starter & Judge), Gail (Riv) Timekeeper, Ken & Riv driving the starters boat (Riv Robson "DSC" 1) and all the Drivers and crews on the rescue boats laying and picking up the rounding marks.

The season finished with Presentation of trophies in conjunction with the TS16'S. This was a successful evening with approximately 65 attending.

Thanks, and appreciation is extended to the Board of Directors, the Management and the Staff for their assistance throughout the year.

Finally, my personal thanks to all the Sailing and Social Members I have been associated with as a sailing official over many years I have been a member of the club and finally I have enjoyed all the years I have been an official and I hope to be around for a few more years.

Rive Robson OAM JP
Race Secretary

OK Dinghy Division 2017-18 Season

The 2017-18 season started with 14 OK Dinghies registered to race, and 15 boats by season's end. The running of the Australian Championship at the Club last season generated additional interest in the class with new owners and boats joining our ranks. The OKs contested 19 club races during the season with an average of 7 - 8 starters, on 3 occasions we had a maximum of 10 starters, with the elusive goal of all boats starting in one race yet to be attained. The standard of racing was always high and tightly contested.

Grant Wakefield capped off a busy season by winning the Season Pointscore and finishing runner-up in the Club Championship, in addition to competing in the NSW State and Australian Championship, as well as the Interdominion Championship in Auckland NZ. The minor places for the Season Pointscore were filled by Bob Chapman and Mark Rutherford.

The Club Championship was won by Peter Horne with Grant Wakefield and Bob Chapman taking the minor places after applying the countback when they finished on equal points. Peter Robinson was a clear winner of the Fastest Time Pointscore, winning every race that he contested, from Mark Rutherford and Peter Horne. Unfortunately, Peter missed a number of races during the season some of which were Club Championship races.

We had 8 boats compete at the Australian Championship at Southport QLD, with Peter Robinson the best placed at 7th and only boat to finish in the top 10 from a fleet of 42. We had 9 boats compete in the NSW State Championship at Wangi, with 4 boats in the top 10 from a fleet of 23 – Peter Robinson 3rd, Mark Rutherford 4th, Grant Wakefield 7th and Nick Gray 9th.

Peter Robinson, Nick Gray and Grant Wakefield travelled to Wakatere Boating Club, Auckland NZ for the OK Interdominion Championship finishing 21st, 39th and 40th respectively from a fleet of 46. The OK Dinghy World Championship will be held at this venue in February 2019. The NSW Association Teams Race was sailed at Wangi and won by the Drummoyne team of Grant Wakefield, Peter Horne, Mark Rutherford and Nick Gray.

Finally, I would like to extend a big thanks to the Junior Division and their dedicated team for their support of the OK Dinghy class. Also, our thanks to the Club, the Board of Directors, Office holders, members and staff for their support of our sailing activities and the Junior Division start boat crew headed-up by Alex Palmer for their specific assistance throughout the season.

**Bob Chapman,
Secretary, OK Dinghy Division.**

2017-18 Season Results Summary, Club events.

Boat	Skipper	Club C'ship Place	Club C'ship Points	Season P'score Place	Season P'score Points	Fastest Times Place	Fastest Times Points
ANOTHER CRACK	Peter Horne	1	12	5	1128	3	715
SPACE MONKEY	Grant Wakefield	2	17	1	2206	5	602
OCCASIONAL KUDOS	Bob Chapman	3	17	2	2183	4	697
TOTAL RECALL	Mark Rutherford	4	22	3	1509	2	809
ICE ICE BABY	Nick Gray	5	30	8	866	6	459
PHANTOM	Michael Walker	6	30	11	491	8	177
SMOKIN HOT	Peter Robinson	7	33	4	1326	1	1264
PALE RIDER	Jim Dwyer	8	39	9	550	11	126
JOKER	David Swales	9	41	7	925	9	153
SHAKEY	David Haseldine	10	46	6	1055	7	229
THE FOX	Andrew Thyrd	11	52	10	499	10	129
DOG BOX	Michael Bartley	12	56	13	214	14	43
VOODOO CHILD	Steve Wyatt	13	59	12	264	13	83
AJAX	Phil Barnett	14	75	14	83	12	84
BEAVER	James Bevis			15	16	15	33

Grant Wakefield sailing "Space Monkey" during an early season westerly (photo: Jo Dwyer).



TS16 Division Season 2017-18

Drummoyne Sailing Club's Ultimately Sinister, sailed by skipper Craig Jelfs and Neil Bilsborough, won the 2017/18 TS16 Australian championship on the open waters of Port Arlington on Port Phillip Bay, Victoria. Last year's winner, Uncle Roy, sailed by Eric Partland and Gary Willis came in equal second, but were placed third on a count back. All four are long-term members of DSC, with decades of sailing with the club behind them.

Uncle Roy also took out the double on home waters for the season, winning both the Club Championship and Season Pointscore.

Craig Jelfs and the Bilsborough family have long proven a winning team, with an unprecedented seven national titles. Jelfs has now won two nationals with Neil, four with Neil's son Brendon, and one with Neil's daughter Leanne. Craig's sailing career began at DSC at the age of 12 in Sabots. He then progressed through the fleet to the TS16s.

Neil, a professional carpenter, built Ultimately Sinister, and the two-time national champion Xtremely Sinister, now sailed at DSC by John Gilliard. Neil joined the fleet at DSC in 1977, and sailed with a series of skippers, including Errol Coates and Craig. He regularly skippers Ultimately Sinister with Denis McDermott as his for'ard hand. Denis started sailing at DSC 61 years ago in VJs. He would be known to many members through his work as doorman at the Club.

Neil has built four TS16s, three of which have won National and State Championships and argues "anyone can build one. That was the idea, Richard Hartley designed them so anyone can build them." Geoff Smith proved that. After retiring, and with little carpentry experience behind him, Geoff built Hironnelle and now races with the TS16s fleet.

Eric started sailing as a 10-year-old in VJs at DSC. In sixty years of sailing the local waters he has learned a great deal about the conditions. He said knowing the tides and the wind shifts is the key. He has won the Club Championship 12 out of the last 13 seasons. He won three times with his partner Pat McDonough, twice with Bobby Wark, three times with his son John, and now four times with Gary.

Eric's success at Drummoyne is not always repeated in the nationals, due to the different conditions in open waters. Eric admits he and Gary are a light crew. "We are underweight. As soon as it got over 12 knots we were struggling. The same thing happens here, but it doesn't show up so much here because you tack so much more."

Gary also knows the local waters well, he started sailing Sabots at DSC at the age of 12. Uncle Roy might have a light crew, but Eric and Gary showed their mettle in Race 13, on December 2, 2017, when after an afternoon of storms and strong gusting winds, they were the only finisher (Ultimately Sinister also completed the course but was disqualified for breaking the start).

The TS16 is a stable boat, but it can capsize. On December 2, the forecast looked threatening, and half the fleet decided not to race. Of the seven boats that did start, two crossed the finish line, three pulled out, and two capsized. Righting a TS16 is no easy task, especially when they have turned turtle and the tip of their mast is stuck in the mud, which is what happened that day. Sandor Tornai, who was skippering the capsized Annette, took control of DSC7 and righted Annette and towed it to shore. But Tranquil, which had also capsized, had leaks in its buoyancy tanks, and could not be righted by DSC7. Alex Palmer came to the rescue in the Arvor. On shore, more than half a dozen men, some of whom had sailed, others who had not, waited on the ramp, and assisted Tranquil once she was ashore. The TS16s are a competitive crew, but they are also always ready to assist each other when needed.

The TS16s are clearly a family-friendly fleet, and no family demonstrates that more than the Johnstons, who have three generations in the club. "I am still sailing, my sons are sailing and my grandson. We are sailing together," Ron Johnston said.

Last year Ron built Annette, and 2017/18 was her first season. Ron, who is now 77, started sailing at Yarra Bay as a bailer boy, or fifth hand, in a 16ft skiff. Note to younger readers: if you are wondering how five people fitted in a 16, and why they needed a bailer boy, have a look at the boat in the Sailors Bar, though Ron points out in his day the boats were planked.

Ron's sons, David and Russell won the pointscore in Murphy's Law in 2015/16, and last season Ron, with grandson Ben Speed, won the pointscore. Last season was Ben's first, and he won a special encouragement award. This season, his second, Ben sailed in the Australian Championship, in Annette, with Sandor Tornai as skipper. Ben said. "We won the last race, it was good fun."

Ian Campbell is another newcomer. He sailed a couple of times with Chris Giaquinto several years ago, and crewed on the rescue boat. He took the plunge last year and bought Tempo from Ron Johnston. He began his first full season of sailing in 2017/18, sailing first with Peter Dallas in Kozi. Kozi was the oldest boat in the fleet, with a sail number of 466, though every winter Peter rebuilt and replaced parts of it. Peter liked to joke Kozi was like the bushman's axe: he claimed he'd had the same axe for 20 years, though it had 5 new heads and 7 new handles. Peter sold Kozi before Christmas and Peter and Ian sailed Tempo for the rest of the season.

Results

Championship

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

Season Point Score

1. Uncle Roy, Eric Partland and Gary Wills
2. Murphy's Law, David and Russell Johnston
3. Tranquil, Neil Johnson and Brett Pollitt

Fastest Point Score

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

Spring Point Score

1. Uncle Roy, Eric Partland and Gary Wills
2. Annette, Ron Johnston and Ben Speed
3. Ultimately Sinister, Neil Bilsborough and Denis McDermott

Summer Point Score

1. Vinca, Trevor Bell and Claudio Otoyá
2. Tranquil, Neil Johnson and Brett Pollitt
3. Murphy's Law, David and Russell Johnston

Gilliard Point Score

1. Pelican, Joe Horinek
2. Murphy's Law, David and Russell Johnston
3. Hirondelle, Dick Voorderhake and Geoff Smith

Don Jelfs Memorial Point Score

1. Helen Joy, Chris Giaquinto and Keith Carter
2. Ultimately Sinister, Neil Bilsborough and Denis McDermott
3. Uncle Roy, Eric Partland and Gary Wills

Yacht Division Season 2017-18

Hello Members,

Welcome to another summer of sailing at Drummoyne sailing Club!

Firstly, I would like to thank and welcome the new members of the Yacht Division committee. Kluuk Walenkamp, Ivan Fitzgerald, David & Fiona Davies and James & Diane Brigden for putting their hands up to help.

A special thank you to Kluuk for putting his hand up to take on the busy job of Secretary.

I would also like to thank our former Secretary Ruth Lawrence for her commitment and efforts and wish Ruth and her partner Peter all the best for the future.

A special mention to Alex Palmer for his endless commitment and dedication to the club, Alex is a Director of the club as well as a race officer, starter and is also highly involved with other divisions of the club.

Also thank you to Michael Costa for his continuing great work as our treasurer.

To our Vice President and handicapper Sandor Tornai, a huge thank you for your never-ending contribution and commitment to the club across all division.

I would also like to thank The Directors, Management, Staff, and Commodore 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 2017 – 2018 season. This year again we conducted 5 series including our ever-popular twilight series.

The highlight was the combined Winter and Summer Series which attracted great numbers to this event and continued our era of cooperation between Drummoyne Sailing Club and Balmain Sailing Club.

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

I look forward to another great and successful season of sailing DSC.

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

Our winners for the past season were: -

2017 - 2018 Twilight Series:

YELLOW DIVISION

Position	Boat	Skipper	Points
1st	ADMIRAL	Steve Piper	53
2nd	RUSH	Matt Hundleby	58
3rd	JUST QUIETLY	Donald Swanson	59

BLUE DIVISION

1st	EAU DE VIE	Kevin Gray	54
2nd	QUICKSTICKS	Bill Warren	54
3rd	COCONUT TELEGRAPH	Anthony	61

BLACK DIVISION

1st	NORTEL	Ivan Fitzgerald	67
2nd	Y KNOT	Stephen & Sue Brady	72
3rd	MAGIC 25	Chantelle Hodgson	78

GREEN DIVISION

1st	GOLD DUST	Bob Griffiths	62
2nd	ANY EXCUSE	Tim Answorth	68
3rd	FELICITY J	Michael Costa	75

2017 Combined West Harbour Winter Series (DSC boats listed only)

DIVISION 1

1st	SKEETER	Sandor Tornai	28
3rd	OPHIR	Bruce Tavener	33
4th	HICK UP	Bill Ure	36

DIVISION 2

2nd	TENSPEED	Adam Baggett	21
6th	QUICKSTICKS	Bill Warren	31

DIVISION 3

2nd	EAU DE VIE	Kevin Gray	21
5th	ATARA	Ken Conyard	34

DIVISION 4

2nd	TULIP	Kluuk Walenkamp	27
5th	WITCHWAYS 11	Jeff Finnegan	45

Club Champion and Ron Cant Trophy

Previous winners are Steven Piper, Michael Spencer -Brown, Jeff Finnigan, Dougie Allen.

It is with pleasure that I can announce the addition of 2 new names to that list!

And the winner is Stephen & Sue Brady on their expertly sailed J70!

As you can see from the close results of the previous 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.

See you all on the water!

Steve Piper
President Yacht Division