

COMMODORE'S REPORT

It feels like I have opened the last two Commodore's Reports talking about what a disrupted season it has been. Well, 2021/22 was no exception:

- We delayed the start to the season due to Covid restrictions from September to November
- State and National regattas were postponed and rescheduled several times
- Our Sailing Academy had to cope with stop start instruction and rescheduling classes
- La Nina weather pattern resulted in highly variable weather conditions and poor water quality, leading to abandoned races and difficult sailing conditions.

We held a number of video sessions with guest presenters to keep our sailors entertained and engaged while we were waiting for the season to start. Thanks to Dan Belcher, Present of Australian Sailing, for sharing his sailing journey and Andrew Parkes from North Sails for his sail trim presentation. Our Junior Committee also arranged some interactive zoom training sessions for our younger sailors which were a hit.

Despite the hurdles, we took every opportunity to get out on the water and have some fun!

We also had some new additions to our Club boat fleet which will add significantly to our Sailing Academy and to our support boat capability:

- New DJ (Drummoyne Junior) training boats for our Sailing Academy. These boats are specifically designed for beginner sailors and are an ideal entry point for young beginners.
 - o Peter Robinson, our former Sailing Manager, successfully applied for a NSW Community Building Partnership grant for a new training boat and negotiated a significant discount if we made a bulk order
 - o Thanks to the generosity of our members, friends and supporters we raised enough money and contributions to fund 5 training boats on trolleys and ready to sail (special thanks to Shu-Styx Fabrication for the trolleys and Sydney Sailmakers for the sails).
 - o The boats have been named after the local islands with 4 of the 5 boats being named in the local Aboriginal language
 - o The boats were officially launched at the start of the season in a moving ceremony including a Welcome to Country by Uncle Alan Murray from the Local Aboriginal Metropolitan Lands Council.
- 2 new support RHIBs which will make a significant difference to our on-water support
 - o One RHIB was purchased from the sinking fund that all of our sailors contribute to in order to ensure we can replace our assets as needed (this replacement was definitely needed with our old DSC6 support boat in a pretty sad state)
 - o Our newest RHIB was purchased with the support of the Dickinson Foundation. I would like to express my thanks to the Foundation for its support of our Club and thank Tim Doolan, President of our Junior Club, for identifying the available grant and securing the funding.

Season Overview

Detailed reports for each sailing class follow at the end of this report I will give a brief summary here only.

The **16 foot Skiffs** continued the proud tradition of skiff sailing at Drummoyne with active club racing and participation in State and National Championships. The hallmark of the Skiffs has been competitive sailing combined with humour and support for each other. The fleet continues to build, with two new crew combinations and one new boat expected to join the fleet for the coming season.

Our **Sabot** sailors remain one of our most important classes as the entry point for young sailors to sailing and to the Club. It has been terrific to see the ongoing integration of Sailing Academy activities with the Sabot fleet. Academy classes are on the same day as racing so that the Academy students get to mingle with the sailors, see what is going on and how much fun the other kids are having. The club racing schedule was quite truncated due to the late start and the rescheduled State and National regattas. However, that didn't put off Josh Green who took a clean sweep of the points score, fastest time and Club Champion in the 1-ups and Willem Nelson and Hayden Green who did the same in the 2 ups

The **Flying 11s** (F11s) were probably the story of the season. The F11s fill the gap between being an accomplished one-up dinghy sailor in the Sabots and being ready to take on Cherub or Skiff sailing – the sailors learn coordination, the different roles of skipper and crew, and flying a spinnaker – all in a much faster boat. This year we had 5 F11s out sailing every weekend and competing in State and National Championships. This was a fantastic result and testament to the dedication of the sailors (and their parents!) given they were all new to the class at the start of the season.

Our **Laser** sailors enjoyed a good season with the introduction of different sail sizes to attract a broader range of sailors to sail with us. The aim is to continue to build the fleet with sailors of all ages and experience and begin competing in interclub competitions and regattas.

The **Cherub** class has been a mainstay at Drummoyne for many years and this year we had 13 boats racing with most competing in inter-club events. Eve Peel launched her new boat *Steve* (great name!) and Peter McLeod and Nathan McNamara returned to Cherub sailing at Drummoyne with their new boat *Motorboat* (built by Andrew Stephenson). Things are looking bright for the Cherubs with more new boats expected to be launched in 2022/23, and the Nationals likely to include a New Zealand contingent and Inter-Dominion Championship for the first time in over 47 years!

The **OK** Dinghies are also going from strength to strength with four new boats joining the fleet in 2021/22. The OKs are a very sociable class which has a very active regatta scene, races hard and enjoys each other's company back on shore. Club racing was tight, with the last race of the season deciding the point score – congratulations to Peter Robinson (1st Club Champion, 1st Handicap) and Mark Rutherford (1st Fastest Time Pointscore). A special mention to Mike Walker who competed in every scheduled race of the season.

The **Hartley TS16s** enjoyed a very competitive season, spiced up by the arrival of *Totally Sinister*, Neil Bilsborough's latest piece of craftsmanship. Not only is the boat beautiful to look at, it is fast! *Totally Sinister* had two wins, two second places and one third over five championship races. *Tranquil*, Neil Johnson and Brett Pollitt, put up a good fight and came second with *Uncle Norm*, Eric Partland and Gary Wills, third. *Murphy's Law*, David Johnston and Kate Thompson, won the Season Point Score

(again!). David maintains the key to winning is to turn up every week and get out on the water – a lesson for all of us.

The **Yacht** division again enjoyed strong numbers of participants, great racing and an active social scene at the club. There were 6 series conducted, including:

- Tuesday night twilight races (over 50 entries)
- West Harbour Spring Series (42 entries)
- West Harbour Summer Series (48 entries)
- West Harbour Winter Series (over 50 entries)

The West Harbour Series are a collaboration between Drummoyne Sailing Club, Balmain Sailing Club and Greenwich Flying Squadron. These series have provided an avenue for highly competitive fleet racing west of the Harbour Bridge and have been a huge success. The winner of the Ron Cant Club Championship for performance across all series was again the consistent and highly competitive Jeff Finnegan.

Club members were again active in sailing in **State and National Championships and major regattas**. As mentioned earlier, Championships and regattas were affected by Covid and weather so not all classes raced in Championships this year:

- Flying 11s Nationals – 4 of our 5 boats competed in a fleet of 51 – a huge learning curve for all. Our all-girl crew of Evie Doolan and Charlotte Fetcher finished in the top 30 and received the Encouragement Award for Most Improved First Regatta.
- Southern NSW Sabot Zone championships – Sabot two-up State Title was won by Lane Cove and Drummoyne sailors Luke Mercer and Mary Lou Doolan in *White Pearl*. In the one-ups, Alex Clark in *Spitfire* came 3rd on handicap and Josh Green came 10th on scratch in *Blue Bottle*.
- Sabot Nationals – was rescheduled from December to March.
 - Sabot Week – Willem Nelson in Loan Wolf finished 7th and Hayden Green 17th on scratch out of 19 boats;
 - Two- Ups - Luke Mercer and Mary Lou Doolan in *White Pearl* came 1st;
 - One-Ups - Alex Clark in *Spitfire* finished 3rd, Sarah Doolan in *Swordfish* 8th, Josh Green in *Blue Bottle* 12th, Flynn Beck in *On Fire* 25th and Ella Babb in *Fast N Furious* 44th in the handicap results.
- Cherub State Titles – 13 Drummoyne boats competed with Adele and Daniel Philips coming 2nd in *That Bad Girl*. Will Beck and Tony Harrison in *Nice Aft* finished 6th and took home the overall handicap win for the series.
- OK States – held in Woollahra in January. Top five Drummoyne results:
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- 16 ft Skiffs Nationals – *Edenda* (Tilly Lang, Andrew Stephenson and Andrew O'Brien) came 29th out of 46 boats in challenging conditions.
- Yachts – *Skeeter* skippered by Sandor Tornai made the trip to Airlie Beach Race Week and came first in the Trailable Yachts Division 1 – a fantastic result. 4 Drummoyne Yachts competed in the Sydney Harbour Regatta with *Crowded Haus* skippered by Graeme Neuhaus coming 3rd and *XRay* skippered by Ray Parrott coming 16th in the Performance Spinnaker Division 2 and *Ophir* skippered by Bruce Tavener coming 2nd in the Super 30s. *Whisper* skippered by Sean Inkley came 8th in the Adams 10 Division.

Sailing Strategy

The further progression our Sailing Strategy was disrupted by the need to respond to Covid 19 and all of the challenges attendant with a disrupted and uncertain sailing season. We have picked up the sailing strategy again and look forward to engaging with our sailing community in its development.

It was pleasing to see the Flag Officer volunteer structure working to ensure that we have a well organised sailing program that seamlessly supports our on-water operations without the load falling on the shoulders of one or two people. There is more for us to do to mature this structure and ensure that the Flag Officers have appropriate support from other volunteers, but we have made some large steps forward. I would like to thank all of the Flag Officers (Craig Armour – Vice Commodore, Trevor Aldous – Rear Commodore and Jeff Finnegan – Club Captain) for their support over the last year. A lot of their work goes unseen but there have been many hours spent refining our operational race planning, maintaining our support boats and working across our sailing community.

I would particularly like to thank Craig Armour who is stepping down as Vice Commodore due to relocation inter-state. Craig has made a significant contribution to the club, firstly, as a volunteer supporting the development of the sailing strategy and then as Vice Commodore, refining our approach to sailing management and risk management.

Our sub-clubs ensure that sailing actually happens at DSC and it is important the sub-clubs continue to remain strong and engaged with the Flag Officers and Sailing Committee to coordinate and build connections across our sailing classes. I would like to thank our Sailing Committee members for their contribution over the year – Tim Doolan (Juniors), Ivan Fitzgerald (Yachts), Ian Caldwell and Peter

Barnes (Hartley TS16s), Tilly Lang (16ft Skiffs), Mark Rutherford and Blake Russell (OK Dinghies), Alex Palmer and Simon Armstrong-Bunker.

As I have said before, sailing doesn't just happen with the captain and crew of the boats. A huge range of things need to happen to ensure a well-managed, enjoyable day on the water. It could not happen without the contribution of our volunteers who support us in planning, maintenance, race officiating, safety management, regatta organisation and support, managing the canteen, operating the BBQ, planning the end of year celebrations or one of the other thousands of jobs that go into a successful season. Thank you all for making sailing happen at Drummoyne and making it the friendly and welcoming club that it is.

I would also like to thank the Board of the Club and our General Manager, Joe Ruzicska, for their continued support for the sailing activities at the club. The Board has appropriately required greater transparency and accountability from our sailing activities over the last couple of years but with that has also come support to deal with our challenges and to further sailing at Drummoyne.

Congratulations to all who participated, in whatever capacity, to making 2021/22 a success despite the challenges we faced. I look forward to another great season of fun, learning and friendship.

Stephen Brady
Commodore, DSC

16ft SKIFF REPORT



The 2021/22 season was unprecedented with a pandemic, wild weather events, water quality warnings and disruptions on top. The Drummoyne 16ft skiffs were proud to have 1 boat competing in the State Championships and 2 boats competing at the delayed National Championships in Gosford over the Easter long weekend. Notable results included *Edenda* (Tilly Lang, Andrew Stephenson and Andrew O'Brien) who were awarded the NSW Handicap Pointscore Champion.



We are looking forward to a season of growth in the coming year with 2 new crew combinations and 1 new boat expected to join our fleet. The 2022/23 season is set to be a huge season with the Australian Championships being held in early January in Belmont to celebrate their 100-year anniversary.

The ongoing camaraderie of the fleet made a very tough year all the more enjoyable, with all restrictions faced with a smile and good sense of humour. Our volunteers Ken Nagle, Denise

Walsh and Gail Kellam, support boat operators and sponsors have been faultless in their support of our division. The season that was will certainly be one for the history books and I do hope that we don't see another like it anytime soon.

Edenda - Tilly Lang, Andrew Stephenson and Lochlan Beetham

ESV Accounting - Haylee Kellam, Tim Valtwies and Andy Sheldrick

Firestopping - David Mitchell and Daniel Barnett

Shoreline Apparel - Nellie Imlay, Connor McNamara and Cooper Cotterill

Sydney Sailmakers - Greta Quealy, Andrew O'Brien and Katherine Bennett

Tilly Lang

16ft Skiffs President

JUNIORS REPORT

DSCJ Committee

Ryan Green – Sabot Rep

Lily Peel – Cherub Rep

Blake Russell – OK Dinghy Rep

Peter Medland – Laser Rep

Orla Tynan Babb – Flying 11 Rep

Richard Lane

David Nelson

Andy Clark

Tim Doolan – President

Julie Clark – Secretary

Gail Kellam – Treasurer



The season started on 7th November 2021, two months later than usual due to Covid restrictions. It was a season of very mixed sailing conditions, with some windless race days through to gusty 28+ knot southerly's and westerly's. Thrown into the mix was the prevailing La Nina weather pattern bringing with it plenty of rain, flooding, murky waters and lighter winds in the second half of the season.

Pleasingly, we had a strong junior green fleet progressing through the club DJ's into sabots.

Season Highlights included:

- launch of 5 brand new training DJ's, 4 named after the indigenous name of local islands
- new race times for Sabots in the morning so the sailors can race F11's in the afternoon
- a renewed F11 fleet of up to 5 boats racing, participating in states and nationals
- growth in the OK fleet
- wonderful bunch of dedicated volunteers who made racing possible and bbq enjoyable every week

- Sabots, F11s and Cherubs representing the club at states and national regattas were super competitive
- donated 3 sabots to Narrabeen Sailing Club to help rebuild their training programme after the club house fire
- receiving a brand-new electric start coaching RHIB from the Dickinson Foundation.

An awards presentation night themed “Under the Sea” was held with over 100 members and guests in attendance. Some special volunteers and sailors were recognised with the club’s coveted perpetual trophies:

Nil Desperandum Award – Michael Walker

Bill & Helen Fletcher Sportsmanship Award – Flynn Beck

Bruce “Skeeter” Anson Award – Hayden Green

Matthew Anson Award – Alesandra and Sophie Oliver and Isabel Weston

Bill Tyler Award – Svetlana Roberts

Flying 11’s Class Report – Orla Tynan Babb



Inching out of a long Covid lockdown and into the 21/22 Season, we were able to breathe life back into the Flying 11s (F11s) with up to 5 boats competing regularly. A great option for our graduating Sabot sailors who want to sail with a friend, F11s allow them to learn good technique and great boat handling all with a bit more speed!

With the support of the Juniors and willing parents, our sailors got up to speed very quickly, learning how to rig and launch their new boats prior to the start of the season and adding Friday night training to regular Sunday sailing once the season got underway. It was encouraging to the families to see the support the club was willing to give to stand up this ‘new’ class and the enthusiasm and commitment it was met with by the sailors.

By the time the Nationals came around at Gosford in mid January, we had 4 of our 5 boats registered in a fleet of 51. Conditions favoured the lighter crews with the heaviest breeze of 13 knots making a rare appearance, frequently giving way to conditions below 3 knots, resulting in delayed starts and

frustrating sailing. Credit must go to all our young sailors for the commitment they showed day after day but particularly our all girl crew, Evie Doolan and Charlotte Fletcher finishing in the top 30 and receiving the Encouragement Award for Most Improved First Regatta. Every one of our sailors came away more seasoned with hours and hours of experience under their belts.

Reconvening post Christmas once again proved challenging with Sydney receiving unprecedented rainfall in the first 4 months of 2022 resulting in unsafe levels of water pollution. Finally in late April we managed to get back on the water rounding out the season with a neighbourly sail out of Hunters Hill, more of which we'd like to do next season.

Finishing this 2021/22 season with 5 boats in our 'new' F11 class is more than we ever dreamed of 12 months ago and stands us in good stead to continue growing these young sailors and the F11 class in 2022/23.

Sabots Class Report – Ryan Green



It was another year of rescheduling, postponing, delaying, chopping and changing for the Sabots due to COVID and the weather. The season kicked off a little later than normal with the first club racing point score starting in November.

During the middle of the season there was an enforced lock down which put a hold on sailing so the juniors ran a series of interactive zoom training sessions for the kids to keep them engaged and motivated. During the lockdown down there was also time for the Sabots home base to be renovated with fresh new décor and carpet and large bifold doors which was nice for them to come back to.

NSW State Title Zones

43 boats registered and competed in this event over 2 rounds. Drummoyne sent a strong fleet of sailor with 7 entries.

- Round 1, Lane Cove Feb
- Round 2, Teralba March



While all the kids sailed really well in some challenging conditions there were a few standouts. The Sabot 2-Up State Title was won by Lane Cove and Drummoyne sailors Luke Mercer and Mary Lou Doolan, in *White Pearl*. Alex Clark in *Spitfire* finished 3rd place on handicap and Josh Green 10th on scratch in *Blue Bottle*.

The Lake Macquarie City Council National championships

This was scheduled to be run in December 2021 but was rescheduled to March 2022. There were a total of 44 boats competing. Again, Drummoyne had a strong representation with 5 one-ups, 1 two-up and 2 sabot week sailors.

In the sabot week results Willem Nelson in *Lone Wolf* finished inside the top ten at 7th and Hayden Green was close behind in 14th in the scratch results out of a strong fleet of 19 boats. The two-up results were the same as the state titles with Mary Luo Doolan and Luke Mercer taking out the win.

The Drummoyne 1-up sailors performed well with Alex finishing 3rd, Sarah in 8th, Josh in 12th, Flynn in 25th and Ella in 44th in the handicap results.

DSC club racing

The club was able to get enough races in between all of the rescheduled state and national racing which saw Josh Green take out a clean sweep of the points score, fastest time and club champion and Willem Nelson and Hayden Green the same for the two up fleet.

Despite the year that has been had there is a strong academy program that is seeing new Sabot sailors coming through the ranks which is filling the spots being left by the older kids that are transitioning out of the Sabots to the F11s and Lasers.

Lasers Class Report – James Medland

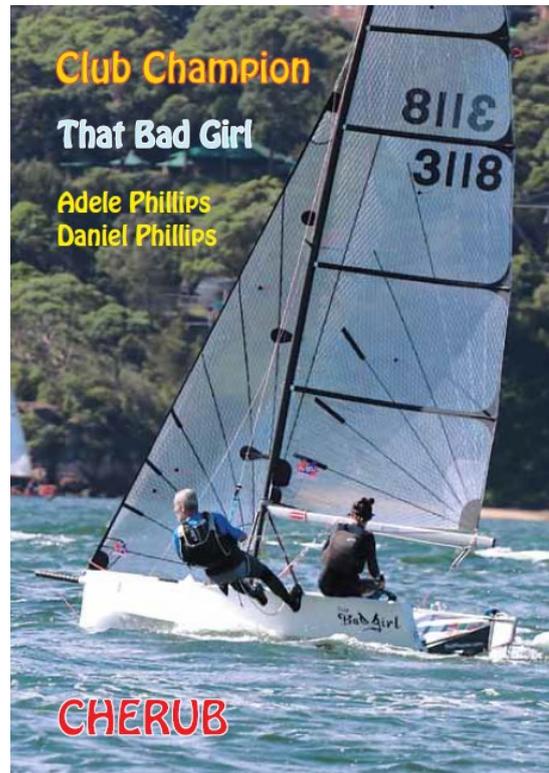
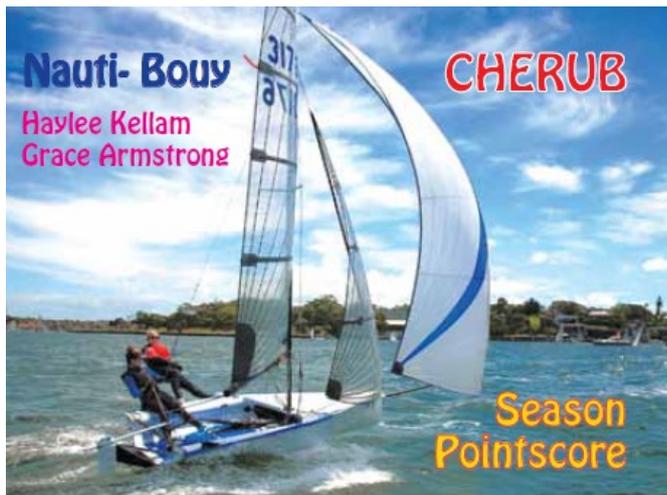


Even with a slightly disrupted season, there were plenty of good results and enjoyable laser racing. This was partly brought about by the addition of different sizes of sails to attract a range of sailors from various clubs to start sailing a Laser at Drummoyne. While we had a variety of Laser sailors experiencing the thrills of sailing a Laser, at times the fleet lacked consistent competition. This is something we aim to improve on next season as we foster not only junior sailors working their way up to the class but sailors of all ages with varying experience. As we extend our laser fleet into surrounding interclub competitions and regattas we hope the next season brings plenty more competition and consistency for another enjoyable and competitive racing season.

Cherub Class Report – Lily Peel

This season we had 13 Cherubs registered at Drummoyne Sailing Club, with most boats choosing to also attend interclub racing events. Drummoyne had 13 boats competing in the 2021/22 state titles, with a few notable results. Adele and Daniel Phillips took home second place in *That Bad Girl*. Will Beck and Tony Harrison finished in 6th overall and took home the overall handicap win for the series. A big congratulations to all sailors who participated in this regatta.

Closer to home, Eve Peel launched her new Cherub *Steve* with crew Hugo Darin. Likewise, we welcomed Peter McLeod and Nathan McNamara back to the club in their new Cherub *Motorboat* built by Andrew Stephenson. We expect more Cherubs to be launched this coming season, so stay tuned!



After three long years of no National Championship contested due to COVID-19, the Cherubs will return to host this regatta in 2022/23 out of Wangi RSL Amateur Sailing Club. This year's National event will also likely play host to the newly revitalised Cherub fleet in New Zealand, with the first Inter Dominion Championship division to be contestable to be held in over 47 years.

OK Dinghy Class Report – Jim Dwyer

In September we hoped. In October we wept. In November we raced!

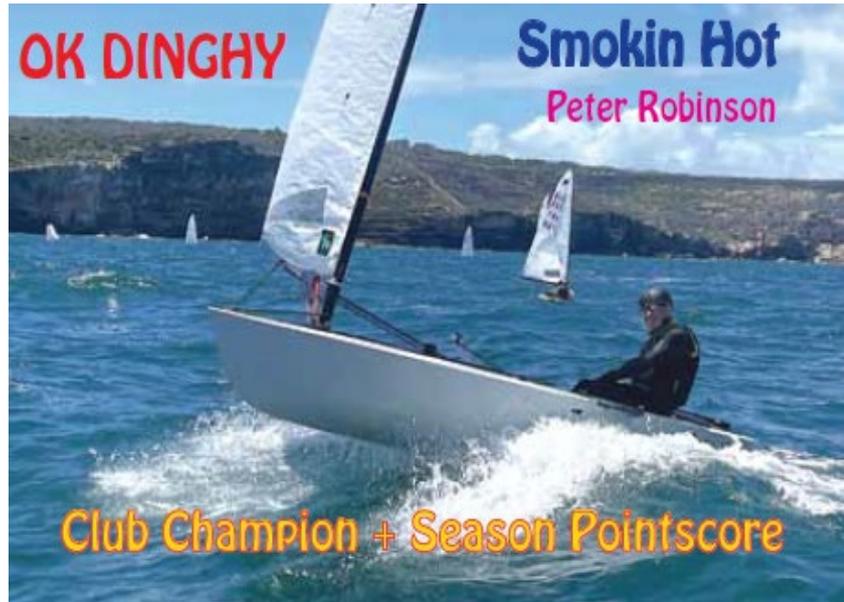
Another late start to the season due to the pandemic saw a compressed calendar with a little over half our normal races. The fleet's mood was vastly improved when, early in the season, Blake secured Akasha Brewing as our major sponsor.

During the season our fleet welcomed a number of new sailors – possibly because of the beer sponsorship, but hopefully because they realised that sailing OKs at Drummoyne is the perfect combination of friendliness, competition, and perhaps the free beer.

We welcomed Anthony Johnston AUS762 *Rusty*, James Walton AUS625 *The Fox*, Tim Alewood AUS636 *Mia* and Pam Johnston AUS748 *ICE*.

Due to the border closures continuing through December, the Nationals Committee decided to postpone the National titles, moving them from January to March. Not wanting to waste the preparations

that had already been made, the NSW Committee decided to hold their State Titles at Woollahra in January, with 23 boats competing in six races over two days.



International OK Dinghy NSW State Titles 3-4th Jan 2022

Won by: David Clark (WSC)

Full Results: <https://www.woollahrasailingclub.org.au/series/4823>

Top 5 DSC Results:

6th - John Condie – AUS779

7th - Peter Robinson – AUS774

8th – Grant Wakefield – AUS776

14th – David Haseldine – AUS732

15th – Mark Rutherford – AUS769

Keen to break out of Sydney in February, nine boats headed up to The Lake for a weekend of camping, racing, and sponsor's product. Too much sponsor's product.

South Lake Macquarie Regatta 12-13th Feb 2022

1st - John Condie – AUS779

2nd – Grant Wakefield – AUS776

3rd – Jim Dwyer – AUS788

*Remainder of results weren't published

March quickly rolled around, and we found ourselves back at Woollahra for the National titles. And national they were, as we saw a sailor from WA join SA, VIC, QLD and NSW sailors for the event.

The conditions were light and shifty, with the first day unable to be raced. The light weather mostly settled for the following days, allowing eight races to be held on The Sound and off Bradleys Head.

NBSailsports 2022 International OK Dinghy Australian Championships – 13-18th March 2022

Won by: Alexander Bijkerk (RPAYC/DBSC)

Full Results: <https://www.woollahrasailingclub.org.au/series/5065>

Top 5 DSC Results:

4th - John Condie – AUS779

9th - Peter Robinson – AUS774

11th – Grant Wakefield – AUS776

12th – Mark Rutherford – AUS769

20th – Jim Dwyer – AUS788

As the season headed towards its final weeks, it became apparent that Mark Rutherford's strong start to the season was starting to be reeled in by Peter Robinson. With only a couple of points separation, the last race was set to be the decider. Congratulations to Peter Robinson (1st Club Champion, 1st Handicap), and Mark Rutherford (1st Fastest Time Pointscore).

A special shout out to Mike Walker, who was the only sailor to race in all scheduled races of the season. And a big thank you to Blake Russell, for not only co-ordinating the beer, but for organising our fleet and encouraging the new sailors. Our fleet's growth is largely thanks to Blake's efforts.

Full season results: <http://www.topyacht.net.au/results/dsc/2021/otb/index.htm>

HARTLEY TS16s REPORT

The 2021/22 season got off to a late start due, again, to Covid, with the originally scheduled Race 7 becoming Race 1. It was a La Nina summer, with heavy rains setting a record for Sydney rainfall for the first three months of 2022. Three races were abandoned, so a total of 15 races were held.



The story of the season was the triumphant arrival of *Totally Sinister* on the water. Neil Billsborough's latest masterpiece was skippered by Craig Jelfs, who has won a number of Australian TS16 championships with various members of the Billsborough family. Neil crews. His long time crew, Denis McDermott, has retired from sailing, but still comes down to the club to watch the races and work the winch.



Totally Sinister experienced some rigging problems in their first race, but went on to secure the Championship, wresting it from Eric Partland, who sails in *Uncle Norm* with Garry Wills. Eric has won the club championship every season since 2005/6, with only two, now three, exceptions, including the year he and Garry did not sail. *Uncle Norm* continued to show good form, winning the Fastest Point Score. *Totally Sinister* had two wins, two second places and one third over the five championship races. *Tranquil*, Neil Johnson and Brett Pollitt, put up a good fight and came second, with *Uncle Norm* third.

Murphy's Law, David Johnston and Kate Thompson, won the Season Point Score. *Murphy's Law* is a repeat point score winner. David maintains the key to winning it is to turn up every week and get out on the water. His former crew, brother Russell Johnston, sailed *Vinca*, formerly Trevor Bell's boat. Russell sailed with his son, Luke, bringing the Johnston family fleet, which includes patriarch Ron, who sails with grandson Ben Speed, to five.

Some boats did not make it out onto the water this season, including Chris Giaquinto's *Helen Joy*, John Gilliard's *Xtremely Sinister* and Ken Caldwell's *Ten*.

- The first race of the season was held under almost ideal conditions, with a 10 to 15 knot easterly, on a run-out tide. Craig described it as a "perfect day with a nice bit of wind".
- The second and fourth races were abandoned.
- The third race was the first tightly contested championship race, with just 23 seconds between first, *Totally Sinister*, and third *Uncle Norm*. *Tranquil* was second.
- Race 5 was held in a southerly of at least 25 knots. It also resulted in the only man overboard of the season. *Tempo*, Peter Dallas and Ian Campbell, was leading. Accounts differ, but there is no disputing Ian ended up in the water. The second boat, *Aeolian*, Darren and Kylie Chignell, went out of its way to contact a club support boat. It probably cost them the race: *Aeolian* came third, one minute 12 seconds after the first placed boat. *Tranquil* won that race, with *Annette* second.
- Race 6, the second championship race, was won by *Totally Sinister*, with *Tranquil* second and *Uncle Norm* third. 2022 brought more rain and some lighter weather.
- *Annette*, Ron Johnston and Ben Speed, won race 7, a handicap race, with *Vinca* second, making a good showing for the Johnston family. *Tempo* was third.
- Race 8 was a championship race held in a 15 knot nor-easter. *Tranquil* crossed the line a mere seven seconds ahead of *Totally Sinister*, followed one minute later by *Uncle Norm*.
- Race 9, a handicap race, was held in a fresh southerly of more than 25 knots. *Aeolian* won, 20 seconds ahead of *Merlot*, Peter McSullea and Peter Deall. *Murphy's Law* came in third.
- The forecast for Race 10 was for a southerly reaching 20 knots with light rain. The latter part was right. The wind swung around the compass, occasionally dying completely. *Uncle Norm*, which excels in light conditions, crossed the finish line first. Only five boats finished – the last finisher, *Vinca*, pushed right up against the time limit to drift across the finish line.
- Race 11 was a handicap race, held in overcast conditions with a varying south to south easterly breeze that reached a maximum of five knots at times, with a strong ebb tide. *Tranquil* won, with *Merlot* second and *Murphy's Law* third.
- Race 12 was a championship race held under regular La Nina conditions of heavy rain and very light winds. The course was easterly, with a strong ebb tide and a strong surface run off from the recent rains flowing the other way. The water was filthy, brown and opaque and carrying leaves and street rubbish. One rain squall was so heavy the starter crew described it as a white curtain coming down, obscuring the fleet. *Uncle Norm* won the close-fought race, *Totally Sinister* was second and *Tranquil* third.
- Race 13 was abandoned.
- The conditions for Race 14 made up for the previous weeks, with a blue sky at last, and a shifting 8 to 10 knot east/nor'easter, though the water was still muddy from the heavy rains. A handicap race, it was won by *Totally Sinister*, *Aeolian* second and *Uncle Norm* third.
- Race 15 was the fifth and final championship race. It was won by *Uncle Norm*, with *Tranquil* second and *Totally Sinister* third. *Totally Sinister* was the overall winner.

- The morning of Race 16, a handicap race, brought torrential rain and no wind to speak of. By the time the boats had drifted to the start line, the wind was a gentle five knot east/south easterly. *Murphy's Law* was the first off and lead the entire race. *Totally Sinister* was second and *Annette* third.
- Race 17, a scratch start, was held in a south westerly, starting off Balmain between Cockatoo and Snapper Islands. It is not often sailed and resulted in some confusion amongst the fleet. *Totally Sinister* was first over the line, followed by *Tranquil*, with *Merlot* third.
- Race 18, the last race of the season, was a scratch start. There were morning showers but it lifted in time for the race. The wind was E/NE, around 8 knots, and it was an ebb tide exacerbated by the run-off from the heavy rainfall during the week. Once again *Totally Sinister*, *Tranquil* and *Uncle Norm* battled for the lead for most of the race, with *Hirondelle*, Peter Barnes and Geoff Smith, running fourth. *Totally Sinister*, the scratch boat and club champion, crossed the finish line first. *Tranquil* rounded the last buoy barely ahead of *Uncle Norm*, but *Uncle Norm* on the windward side, overtook *Tranquil* and crossed the line second. *Tranquil* was third, followed by *Hirondelle*, *Murphy's Law*, *Annette* and *Vinca*.

Peter Dallas and Ian Campbell have retired from sailing, though Ian has offered to crew the support boat occasionally. Peter has sailed at DSC for a decade, first in *Kozi*, and then in *Tempo*. Ian joined the club several years ago. *Tempo* has been sold to Greg Forrest, who plans to sail at DSC next season. Ken Nagle was once again an exemplary race official, ably supported by Denise Walsh and Mandy Wills. They endured some difficult conditions, from winds that swung around in the minutes before finalising the course, to driving rain and long waits for the fleet to finish in a dying wind.

Final results for Season 2021/22

- Championship: *Totally Sinister* 1, *Tranquil* 2, *Uncle Norm* 3.
- Season Point Score: *Murphy's Law* 1, *Tranquil* 2, *Totally Sinister* 3.
- Fastest Point Score: *Uncle Norm* 1, *Totally Sinister* 2, *Tranquil* 3.
- Spring Point Score: *Tranquil* 1, *Murphy's Law* 2, *Annette* 3.
- Summer Point Score: *Totally Sinister* 1, *Annette* 2, *Murphy's Law* 3.
- Don Jelfs Point Score: *Tranquil* 1, *Tempo* 2, *Murphy's Law* 3.
- Jack Gilliard Point Score: *Tranquil* 1, *Totally Sinister* 2, *Uncle Norm* 3.

YACHTS REPORT

Hello Members,

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. It has certainly been a better year than 2021 now we appear to have got on top of Covid.

The Sydney to Gold Coast race started on the 30/7/22 and it was great to see this race again take place after it was cancelled the last 2 years due to Covid. The fleet looked a touch smaller than previous years, but a lot of boats seem to be heading north this year for the northern regattas. I will have to admit that sitting here in my office certainly pales into insignificance compared to being in the Whitsundays. Sailing and socialising in those beautiful northern regions and climates certainly appeals to me, hopefully next year I will have time to get our boat up there.



Firstly, a special mention to our yacht division committee.

- Alex Palmer for his endless commitment and dedication to the club. Alex is a Life Member of the club as well as a race officer and starter as well as being highly involved with other divisions of the club.
- A special mention for the efforts of Ivan Fitzgerald - a huge thank you for your never-ending contribution and commitment to sailing at the club, Ivan is also our division representative on the Sailing Committee.
- 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.
- A big thank you to our handicapper Sandor Tornai, another Life Member, for his commitment to the club and the task of being our handicapper. This is not an easy task and every single boat thinks they are over handicapped!
- Also thank you to Michael Costa for his continuing commitment to the club and his great work as our Treasurer.

A special mention to all the volunteers involved on the club vessels etc that make the on the water activities possible.

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 2021 – 2022 season. This year we conducted 6 series including our ever-popular twilight series which had over 50 entries. The highlight was the combined Winter series again with over 50 entries, the Spring Series had 42 entries and Summer Series 48 entries which are great numbers for these events. These numbers show that the continued era of cooperation between the Drummoyne Sailing Club, Balmain Sailing Club and Greenwich Flying Squadron 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 and the excellent pawn, chicken and ham specials!

Our raffle continued this year with a bottle of rum and other varied prizes always proving extremely popular! This money is used to subsidise our presentation nights. I would also like to congratulate all our yacht division members for the great turn out at our presentation night this year. I know from the feedback that everybody had a great night and enjoyed the evening. The live music provided by Joe was a great success and we will look to again improve the evening for next year.



Our winners for the 2021-2022 Twilights were:

Yellow Division

Position	Boat	Skipper	Points
1 st	<i>Crowded Haus</i>	Graeme & Jason Neuhaus	46
2 nd	<i>Boxer</i>	Michael Spencer-Brown & Sandor Tornai	46.5
3 rd	<i>Magic</i>	Trevor Aldous	47

Blue Division

Position	Boat	Skipper	Points
1 st	<i>Atara</i>	Ken Conyard	25.5
2 nd	<i>Double Trouble</i>	Steve, Jackie & Alex Wyatt	29
3 rd	<i>Eau De Vie</i>	Kevin Gray	41

Black Division

Position	Boat	Skipper	Points
1 st	<i>Paca</i>	Andrew Wise	40.5
2 nd	<i>The Duchess</i>	G Pollock	43
3 rd	<i>Convergence Zone</i>	Neil Tavener	46

Green Division

Position	Boat	Skipper	Points
1 st	<i>Two Up</i>	Trevor Daly	42
2 nd	<i>Farrago</i>	P Fowler	42.5
3 rd	<i>Moksy</i>	G Morrison	49

Club Champion and Ron Cant Trophy

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

And the winner is this year Jeff Finnegan on his expertly sailed Endeavor 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 Yacht Division

SAILING ACADEMY REPORT

With a late start to the season, lessons still hanging over from the previous season, and continuous poor weather, the season has presented a challenging year to the academy.

Learn To Sail and Better Sailing

With the late start, we didn't run a Learn to Sail program (LTS) in the first half of the season. Instead, we focused on retaining and integrating the students from the previous Season. By Christmas we had most of the previous year's LTS racing in a green fleet with a coach to assist them out to the start and around the course.



This continued on through the season and saw great improvement in those participating.

The second half of the season saw 12 LTS kids join. Again, we had bad weather with the kids not getting out on many weeks. Rather than cancel sessions, we did indoor activities and games, and if we got a break in the weather, took them out in a support boat. We did this in order to maintain a contact between the club and the families, and to continue to provide activities for families where possible. Many of these young people will be returning to continue to sail in the upcoming season.



Youth and Adult Learn to Sail

Our Feva and Vision dinghies were put to good use with our adult Learn to Sail courses which were booked in spite of the weather. We got through the course despite the challenges and some of these sailors will be returning this summer.

Keelboat

In addition to keelboat courses, John Sanderson and Warwick Plumstead, our keelboat instructors, managed to get the boat out for a number of Twilights, taking out students and people wanting to return to sailing. We managed to find crewing spots for a couple of people on yachts using this approach. This approach is set to continue in the upcoming season, and we will formalize this over the coming season in conjunction with the yachts.

We have had out a few potential students over the winter who are keen to do the keelboat course over the summer.



Holiday Camps

This season we ran a holiday camp for a week during the Christmas holiday with 30 kids attending. All had a great time. We provided lunches and fruit for all the kids. A number of parents said this was fantastic, for them not to have to worry about food. With the success of this we will be running holiday camps again this season.

New DJs

As mentioned in the last report, we acquired new DJs at the end of the 20-21 season and we held a Naming Ceremony early in the season, with the majority of boats taking on indigenous location names from the area. Uncle Allan Murray from the Metropolitan Aboriginal Land Council spoke about indigenous involvement in the area making for a fantastic ceremony.

The new DJs were put to good use over the summer and have proven to be a huge success for us. A marked improvement on the old Sabots. This has also allowed us to sell 8 of our old Sabots, and to donate 3 Sabots to Narrabeen Sailing Club, to replace dinghies lost when their clubhouse tragically burnt down.

Our Team

Of course, none of this would be possible without the work of our team, Sam Clay, Haylee Kellan, Evie Hazeldine, Clancy Dwyer, Dan Russo, Eddie Coats, Eve Doolan, Jude Robinson, Nick Von Behr, Oscar Mooy, Tanya Robers, Liam Babb and John Sanderson.

John Sanderson has an encyclopedic knowledge of sailing, powerboats, the rules, the syllabus, and generally all things nautical. He has been a huge help to me this year.

And finally, the help of Tim Doolan and the Juniors team who have worked with the academy to make the year a success. Couldn't do this without you.

We are all looking forward to getting out on the water again as soon as possible.