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Vision

NYC will be a vibrant, sustainable, responsible, and family oriented sailing club encouraging juniors and families into the sport, teaching people to sail or improve sailing skills from juniors to world class sailors.

Aims

To be a sailing club, with a balance of sailing and social members, and a mix of fleets that supports people to progress to stages of development from beginners to world class sports people.

To be recognised as the premier off the beach sailing club in the Perth metropolitan area, who can boast friendly members committed to the NYC environment.

To be a well-managed and financially sound club with a membership base of 600 – 800 people.

To be recognised as a club with a culture of volunteerism and social belonging leading to excellent standards of sailing competitiveness and behaviour.

What we value

A unique culture exhibiting modesty and pride in the club.

A spirited, diverse, and actively contributing membership.

Respect for difference of opinion, and willingness to listen.

A competitive and sportsmanlike racing culture.

A club open to all ages, abilities and welcoming to newcomers.

Providing a quality recognised program of sailing development.

Care for our surroundings and environment.

Financial security and sustainability.

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COMMODORE'S REPORT



From the Commodore

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the Nedlands Yacht Club incoming Commodore. I had the privilege to serve as Vice Commodore under Past Commodore Glenn Fairey last season and to work with the very efficient and capable Regatta Committee. I am delighted to have a great team of Officers and Management Representatives helping me steer the club through another successful season.

There are also some changes to our Club's administrative and management team. Duncan Ray has joined as our new Managing Secretary taking over from Jacinta Wilson. Jacinta is planning to start her family which will see her moving to other parts. I would like to thank Jacinta for all her exceptional efforts in establishing a very robust and sustainable management structure. This was very much put to the test through the trials and tribulations of the emerging, and ongoing, COVID pandemic. The club not only survived the last eighteen months but actually prospered. Please take the time to introduce yourself, when possible, to Duncan. He comes with broad experience in sailing, training and yacht club management.

A little about myself: I first joined Nedlands in 1973 sailing B Class catamarans – Mantas with Rod Hodgkin, after which I bought and sailed my own Manta. I graduated to the first-generation Olympic Class Tornados, again with Rod, then Barry Winterbourne and finally with Brian Lewis. I was transferred to the Middle East with my work in offshore oil and gas in 1992, which meant I left the club up until my return to Perth in 2015. I now crew on an Elliot 7, "Childs Play" with Ric Fairey, whom I have known since starting with Manta's way back when.

The Opening Day on Sunday, 3 October for our 2021-22 season is fast approaching and all looks very good for a terrific sailing calendar. There are a few changes in the 2021-22 Yellow book, so please take the time to review the content before racing, in particular the Sailing Instructions relating to new rounding marks and revised obstruction rules.

I would ask that every member makes themselves familiar with the Club's Active Member Policy, which outlines the foundation of Nedlands Yacht Club's tradition and culture. The club is, and has always been, underpinned by the enthusiastic participation of its members. To get the best out of our club we need to put as much of ourselves as possible into it.

Also, prior to the start of this new season, I would please ask you to take the time and participate in the Dutyman process. To allow us all to enjoy the sailing opportunities the club offers, it is imperative that each member volunteers to undertake at least two duties during the sailing season. These include, but are not limited to, Officer of the Day, Starters, Flag Handlers, Start Boat and Support Boat Skippers and Crew, Boat Launching and Retrieval Crews, and Canteen Helpers. If you are not sure how to access Dutyman, please contact Lucy Bromell at the club on either a Tuesday or Thursday or send her an email.

I cordially invite everyone to join the Nedlands Yacht Club Patron, Officers, Past Commodores, Life Members, Dignitaries and invited guests to the opening of the 69th sailing season 2021-22 and personally look forward to meeting each of you during the coming months.

Phil Stewart


Commodore – Nedlands Yacht Club



NEDLANDS YACHT CLUB

CLUB SPRINT SERIES

FRIDAY 19TH NOVEMBER 2021
FRIDAY 26TH NOVEMBER 2021
FRIDAY 3RD DECEMBER 2021
FRIDAY 28TH JANUARY 2022
FRIDAY 4TH FEBRUARY 2022
FRIDAY 11TH FEBRUARY 2022



All classes & sailors welcome to join
the

Club Sprint Series this Summer
Come down for a sail, relaxed drink
and Pizza afterwards.

Racing briefing and sign on is
scheduled for

17:15hrs with the first race
scheduled to start at 17:30 hrs.



2021-2022 OPENING DAY

3 October 2021

THE OFFICE

Spring has arrived finally after what has felt like a long and wet winter with the club only managing to run one race in the winter series. This year we have a new management committee, a new managing secretary and a new events manager while Rachel is on maternity leave. Jacinta has now moved on to her next adventure after a hand over to Duncan as managing secretary and showing Erin how the events side of thing works.

Jacinta's last duty was to receive 2 awards at the Clubs WA Awards night. Nedlands won the "Function Facility of the Year Small/Medium Club" and "Club Marketing Small/Medium Club." Congratulations to Jacinta and the team.

We would like to welcome our 2021 – 2022 Management committee who will be leading the club this financial year.

Commodore:	Phil Stewart
Vice Commodore	Andy Peryer
Treasurer	Nathan Rock
Rear Commodore	Julia Cheong
	Jared Eyles
Management Committee	Ric Fairey
	John Collier
	Susie Hood
	Peter Snow

We are looking forward to the start of the sailing season and seeing lots of our members at the club and out racing on Sundays, or competing in the sprint series, or joining the sailing in company group. 2022 is the 50th Anniversary Year for Red Witches. We are hoping to see a very active Red Witch fleet this season to mark the 50th year of Red Witches and hope to get Red Witch owners from other clubs to join us for a few Races.

This year we would like to see our junior fleet grow and have lots of optimists, Flying 11's and other boats out on the water having fun and enjoying the great location and facilities we have to offer. Our school holiday Tackers Courses are being run over the school holidays starting September and again in December and January. This is a great opportunity to encourage younger sailors to get involved with the club. We also have the Start Sailing Course for teenagers and Adults as well as our Better Sailing Courses. If you know people who may be interested spread the word and invite people to your club.

One of our priorities for this sailing season is Growing Membership in all fleets with a particular focus on Junior Fleet Development, 125's and open dinghies. We have a great location for dinghy sailing and it is one area where we have room to grow.

Sailing Courses.

Our school holidays program is starting 28th September. We have seven Tackers 1 and Tackers 2 courses scheduled this season along with Start Sailing and Better Sailing Courses. For the first time this year we are running a Tackers course on 5 consecutive Sundays to complement our regular Monday to Friday School Holiday courses.

Our Start Sailing & Better Sailing courses for teens and adults will start 3rd October. These participants can be a great crew option so have a chat to Graeme Penniford and see if anyone is looking to get out for a bit more sailing!

Busy Bee #5

The last Busy Bee for the winter was well attended and lots of work done getting the safety boats, building and grounds ready for Opening Day on the 3rd October.

Thanks to all who attended on the 12th September and all the people who attended Busy Bees during the winter.

Busy Bees are important to keep the club and its equipment in good working order and are necessary for the upkeep of the club.



Launching Ramp

Good news for the cruisers. The club has ordered a new launching ramp. Hopefully this will be installed before the end of November.

Duncan Ray

Managing Secretary

SAILING in COMPANY: Your invitation.

The NYC Sailing in Company program is back for the 2021-2022 Season with Peter Twiby at the helm.



This year there are just four events in the program, so be sure to lock them in and let Peter know if you are interested as the details sometimes change due to weather and other circumstances that arise.

He says: "It's important that we know who is coming ahead of the day in case bad weather, or something else, forces a change of plans. It also enables me to communicate the finer details like departure times and meet up points."

The Sailing in Company program is run by the Cruiser Section of the club to provide opportunities to socialise and activities other than racing, because we know that not everyone feels the need for speed and glory.

In previous years events have included buried treasure and pirate games but this year, there are new challenges to help crews refine their skills, in line with the club's aim to

share knowledge and improve safety.

These include the first event, a night sail after a social picnic on the grass at Point Walter on October 23. This will be a great opportunity for people not so familiar with sailing after dark to have a go with friends around, just in case. The moon will be waning, having been full on the 20th, providing some light to guide us.

The second event is a sunset picnic at Matilda Bay on November 13. This is an old favourite, popular because folks who don't have time to sail around can just drive and meet us on the grass for a magical sunset picnic. While some people beach-anchor or swim or paddle ashore for the picnic and sleep aboard, others can take the option of driving home to kip and coming back the next day. This year though, there's some extra fun planned for this day. As the boats depart NYC crews will be handed a Quest List, detailing some simple, some funny and some puzzling items that can be captured on a smart phone on route. Crews will snap as many as they can. Each will be worth some points that will be tallied up as we relax on the picnic rugs and prizes will be awarded.

The third event also has overnight potential, or it can be a daytrip. Some will just come for the BBQ and head home, so they can race the next day. Garden Island is a fabulous destination and folks unfamiliar with ocean sailing can enjoy the support of experienced seagoers on this getaway. The options are to leave the club before 9am to



get to the island in time for lunch or, if you want a bit more island time, you can sleep aboard closer to Fremantle to enable an earlier departure. There is an option to head to Rockingham, instead of Nedlands after the Saturday BBQ where we can meet for dinner and/or brunch and have a leisurely sail home on the Sunday.

The final event is a return to Hillarys, following our hugely successful first visit to them in early 2021. They very graciously made pens and jetty spots available to a group of NYC boats, and treated us like members for the evening and morning. That meant hot showers and delicious meals in their club rooms. There is also scope for non-sailors to join us for the evening, by simply driving to Hillarys.

If you are interested in doing any of these, send Peter an email to let him know.

Knowing who is involved takes a lot of the guesswork out of planning for him, and it can save you the confusion of not knowing the details of the plan.

His email address is peter_twiby@hotmail.com – so RSVP and we look forward to seeing you.



Peter Twiby

JUNIORS

This season there will be a big push for juniors. Just like seasons past, we hope to increase numbers in tackers and start sailing courses and continue down the path of joining our junior program and training, in the hopes of REALLY getting an optimist fleet up and running, as well as improving Flying11 numbers and racers.



An interesting change for juniors this season is our new representatives. Not only have we invited Wade Gardener to the regatta table to be our junior representative. We are over the moon to welcome our new Junior captain. They are a keen young sailor, who hopes to get more involved in the training program by creating connections through friendships and responsibility. I won't name this 'son of a gun' sailor that we are nominating, but I can tell you they will be a big asset to our team, and hopefully sit on regatta committee and experience representing a class and organising events.

Speaking of events, juniors should start getting really pumped for Junior Camp!! It is by far the best weekend of the season, second to picnic day when the blow-up slide/bouncy castle makes an appearance.

Junior camp will be held in early January (14th and 15th) this year, and we are excited for two days of social sailing, honing our skills, making friends and the best movie night and sleepover EVER, all in our favourite place, our yacht club!!

We really hope to see a whole fleet of F11s on the water this season, as well as a spike of junior sailors in 125s, open cats and cruisers across the club. With potential for some gun hoe juniors to be seen high up in the Hobie class this season.

Annika Pennifold



SCHOOL HOLIDAYS SAILING



A fun School Holidays program where kids 7yrs - 12yrs learn to sail whilst having fun, keeping active and making new friends

Tackers 1 & 2 Sailing Courses 7-12Yrs Old

8:30am-12:30pm Daily

28th Sept - 1st Oct 21

4th - 8th Oct 21

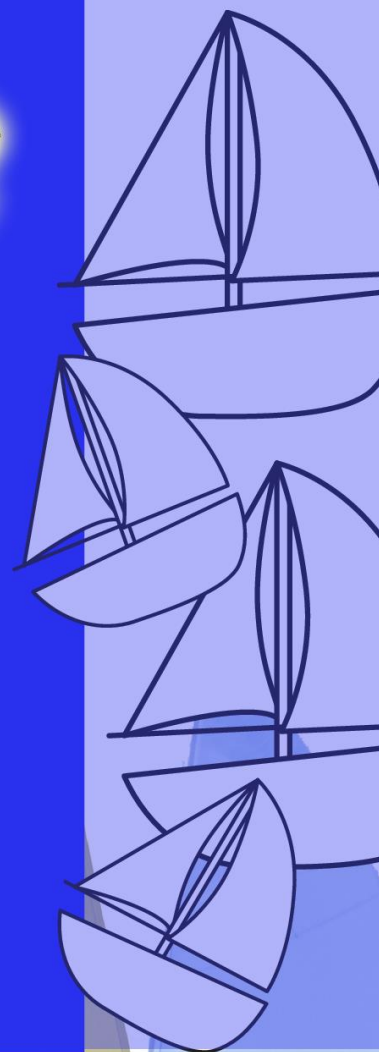
20th - 23rd Dec 21

4th - 7th Jan 22

10th - 14th Jan 22

17th - 21st Jan 22

24th - 28th Jan 22



Start Sailing & TEENAGER & ADULT Better Sailing Courses

Sun 3rd Oct - 7th Nov 2021

Sat 16th Oct - 20th Nov 2021

Sun 14th - Sun 19th Dec 2021

Sun 16th Jan - Sun 20th Feb 2022

Sat 22nd Jan - Sat 26th Feb 2022

Sat 12th Mar - Sat 9th Apr 2022

Sun 13th Mar - 10th Apr 2022

Start Sailing courses are for beginner sailors who are looking for a new hobby or skill. The Better Sailing Courses are designed to take a novice sailor on the next step of their journey and onto a Hobie 16 Catamaran

For more course information contact Graeme sailing@nyc.org.au || 08 9386 5496
Register today nyc.org.au/learn-to-sail/

NATIONAL 125'S



This winter has been cold and very very wet, and even those who aren't fair weather sailors have had little opportunity to get out, leaving many of us eager to start the new sailing season.

Looking back to the beginning of winter, one event that brings many of us together is the June, Batavia Regatta in Geraldton. As always Geraldton Yacht Club are fantastic hosts and make everyone feel welcome. It's a reminder to book the all-important dates into the calendar. With an incredibly exciting events schedule ahead which includes the announcement that this year's Nations are expected to be held at Black Rock Yacht Club, Victoria. Any prospective competitors will be closely monitoring the Covid situation in Victoria during these times of uncertainty. We'll still be keeping our fingers crossed.

Here are some other dates for consideration:

RFBYC ICR - 4th & 5th of December 2021

BRYC Nationals VIC – 27th December to 2nd of January 2022

EFYC Rumble in the Reach – 15th January 2022

Madeline Ralph

HOBIE REPORT

Winter Sailing Round-up and the Season Ahead

OK I cannot tell a lie. I haven't sailed since last season and I have no idea what went on over winter. But not knowing anything has never stopped me writing a report before. Some of the following is true. – OK the truth is that Lucy told me what to write so the following probably *is* true.

The Huck Scott, Nedlands Yacht Club, Jervoise and the Batavia Regattas were all held over winter. Cam and Suzi, Trevor and Elisabeth and Daz with a variety of crews represented us at all of them with occasional guest-star

appearances from others including Rod and Lucy. Unfortunately, this year's winter weather was crap. – Too much or too little wind colluded with the virus to mess the regattas up. It's the environment you know, or radiation from 5G. The environment hasn't been the same since that Lance Armstrong walked on the sun.



Only 1 of the 4 days of the Huck Scott series could be held. Two days were abandoned; – One thanks to 35 knot gusts and the other thanks to a complete lack of wind. On that no-wind

day the starter hooted with the Opi fleet only 15m from the line but not one boat could cover the 15m to cross the line before time ran out. "That day it took us 1 hour to float out to the line and what felt like two hours to paddle back," said Lucy. Luckily Fremantle Sailing Club has a beautiful dining area and bar – so no trip to that club is ever completely wasted.

Inclement weather played havoc with the Nedlands winter series too. It wiped out three dates and only one went ahead. That one had good support though; Around 8 Hobies and a scattering of others enjoyed good racing. Andy and Anna, Cam and Suzi, Steve and Toni, Trev and Elisabeth, Daz with Natalie Eldridge, Hoddy and Lucy and Reid with Natalie Whitfield made up the fleet.

Jervoise was probably the best of the winter events. Three races back-to-back each day was a good plan. One race had a really exciting photo finish when Cam and Suzzi, Darren and Claire and Rod and Lucy all came from different directions and hit the finish line at exactly the same time. But even Jervoise suffered some no shows when too much or too little wind forced abandonments.

BATAVIA

The weather for Geraldton's Batavia Regatta is usually the least reliable of the winter regattas but this year it wrong-footed us and provided two days of good sailing. Thanks again to the Gero guys for their hospitality. Toggsy turned up in a brand-new boat. Impressive. Gero used their usual dart board approach to calculate the winner and I believe that for some reason it was Toggsy's turn to win this year. Not that he's not a great sailor. – And everyone has come to understand Gero's Rule 1.3 -

1.3. Class rules will apply except as altered by this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions and all results will be determined by the dart board on the bar room wall and by the level of the commodore's sobriety at the time of throwing said darts.

Another highlight of the event was when Hoddy smashed his rear window reversing in the carpark at night. With none of the usual DSQ's for passing through the shipping lane and no injuries on the dance floor this year at least it gave the punters something to laugh at.

Claire and the Virus

Did you hear the one about Claire, the virus and international politics? I can't believe she's gone because she hasn't; She's just in the UK. She went to the UK in June planning to return in September but her return flight was cancelled. Her next opportunity to return will not be until January.

El Presidente, Jason had a brush with the virus too when he went to Victoria for work recently. The border closed while he was away, so he too was held up with delay and quarantine. With Jason away, we were headless. SNAFU. The virus doesn't scare me. I've got Malwarebytes Premium.



Training

I was really pleased to hear about the club's appointment of Duncan Ray as Managing Secretary. Among other things he will oversee NYC's training program. Duncan has had a lot of experience in the area. Done well, training programs can attract a lot of enthusiastic new blood. Tee ball, netball and the like show us how it's done. My kayak club gets around 75 kids every Saturday morning, so it can be done. The model is there for us to follow – and Duncan is a specialist. I imagine there will be courses for adults too.

Note to Duncan – Please train-up some potential Hobie sailors; Girl applicants need to be pretty, athletic, weigh around 60 kg and be able to hold their liquor. OK - Anyone will do – but they must be able to hold their liquor.

Duncan will be ably assisted by our very own Anna Peryer who is NYC's new Junior Club Captain. Well done Anna. And of course Lucy will be busy signing up all the new trainees as they rush into the office to join the club. Hopefully our Club boats, Huey, Duey and Louie will see training action too. Natalie and Colleen are among the outstanding graduates of previous courses - proof that that program works.

What's Coming?

NYC Opening Day	Sunday 3 October, 2021
Australian Championships	26 Dec 2021 – 5 Jan 2022
	Jervis Bay, NSW

Note. Jervis Bay advise that they will run a regatta of some sort even if it becomes necessary to abandon the Nationals

The Notice of Race is out. See website for further details -
<http://www.hobiecatnationals.com.au/news/>

WA States

Labor Day Weekend Saturday 5 March - Monday 7 March, 2022

Geraldton Yacht Club

Hobie Teams Race

Will be run in conjunction with the States and will probably be won by Trevor and Elisabeth's team again because they are ... well, the best.

See you soon,
Whether permitting. (Get it? Whether permitting. Ha ha ha!)



Phil King "with thanks to Lucy"

PS Dog to cat: "Let me preface my remarks by saying that you are mistaken if you think I am connected to this chain."



A CLASS and OPEN CATS

While the rest of Australia has been in lockdown and the majority of NYC sailors in hibernation, a core group of die-hards have been braving the winter conditions and training out of Nedlands twice a week.

Wednesdays have typically been the weekday of choice for Paul and Ryan on their foiling A-class cats with a handful of F18s joining them on the weekends. Often perceived as a light wind boat the A-Classes have continually evolved even in this foiling age, the attraction of flying above the water at 20knots in a mere 8 knots of true wind has enticed a few more recruits with 5 foilers and 2 'Classic' C- Board boats to call NYC home this summer.

Local A-Class guru James Clark has been providing valuable feedback both on and off the water.

Convention goes out the window when it comes to foiling these flighty boats around the course, often described as counter-intuitive, almost like learning to sail again. Every tiny tweak amplifies the performance of these lightweight machines, resulting in amazing speeds, or sometimes, spectacular capsizes. Last weekend saw both, with capsizes aplenty and boat speeds of the 4 on the water reaching top speeds just shy of 30knots. If you think this sounds like your kind of fun, the guys can put you in touch with some great boats for sale.

The Formula 18s (F18s) have also been out regularly, training and testing new sails and equipment. The Formula approach to this class means a variety of manufacturers and designs compete together in the one class.

Max Puttman made the trek to Italy for this year's Worlds, sailing with 19yo Estela Jentsch from Germany. The pair sailed their Windrush Edge, powered by Max's own Next Gen Sails, to 22nd overall and took out the Mixed World Title. Congratulations Max!



and Jared Eyles enjoying their F18 on the fore ground. Photo credit to Lindsay Preece, Ironbark Photos.



Nedlands is home to 2 local mixed teams, Suzanne and Jared on their striking Blue Windrush Edge and Annika and Mark on a Scorpion made by Polish builder Exploder.

Like the A-Class, there are many second-hand boats available at a range of prices should you be interested in joining the fleet. Ryan Duffield

Max Puttman flying on his A-Class. Suzanne

RED WITCH

It's the 50th Anniversary for Red Witches next year - 2022.

First built in 1972.

We have a number of Red Witches at Nedlands Yacht Club, and it would be brilliant if we could get more of them out racing regularly.

We will be contacting all Red Witch Sailors to see how we can help to get them racing (whether its helping find crew or having an experienced sailor to get them started, or any other suggestions?)

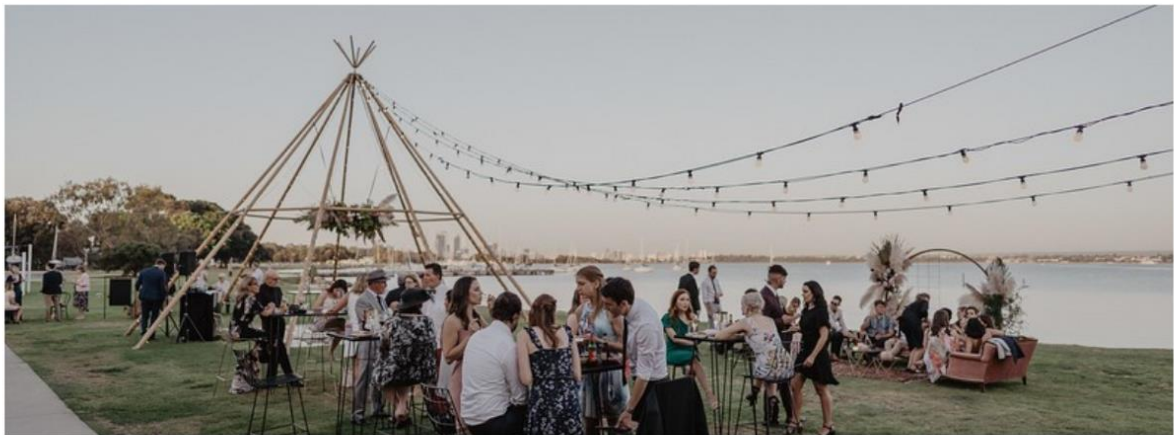
We are also looking at ideas for getting the fleet together – We will be running a separate Red Witch race within the Div 3-4's race. Results will be recorded for Red Witch places as well as regular Div 3-4 finishes. We are also looking to run some Invitational races to encourage Red Witches from other clubs to join in.

South of Perth also have various events planned for next year that we will look to get involved with.

More information will follow once finalised.

Susie Hood





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