

Opening Day Special Edition.

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Get Ready for Sailing!

OPENING DAY 2018

With our October newsletter being such a bumper edition, here is a Special Edition to top you up on the additional news.

I look forward to seeing you all this Saturday for the 2018-19 Sailing Season Opening with formalities beginning at 1pm. See the running order below, and thanks to Trevor Burke for being OOD on the day, standing in for the Vice Commodore. Whilst, I wont be sailing on Saturday, "Bees Knees" will be on the water to join in on the fun soon.

Have a safe and happy sailing and fishing season.

Warm Regards

Brian Fentiman | Commodore



SAVE THE DATES!

LTS starts - 8th November

Club RO course - 14th October

Opening day of the sailing season - Saturday 6th October

Join us for the formal opening, sail past and social race. All members and families are welcome to join us for a free BBQ on the upper deck after the race. Please ensure that you are assembled upstairs at 1pm for the official formalities.

It is a day when all members have an opportunity to dress up in fancy dress, decorate their vessels with flags and bunting and sail past the Commodore and dignitaries with a time honoured tradition of a review of the Fleet with the Jack Cox leading a Sail past and salute to the Commodore. Once this celebration has ended a social sail will take place to blow out the cobwebs and get everyone ready and in good spirits for the coming race activities. Looking forward to a great day of activity and BBQ and refreshments on the deck after. Join us - Hip, Hip, Hussar!

THE OPEN DAY - Order of Proceedings

- 11.30am OOD & Race Management team Briefing.
- 12.00pm VIP & Guests luncheon
- 1.00pm Address by Commodore
- 1.15pm Unfurl Club Burgee
- 1.25pm OOD Sailors Briefing
- 1.45pm Sail past
- 2.00pm Social Race
- 4.00pm After Race BBQ and refreshments on Deck.

Winter working busy bees

Working Bees came to an end after 16 weeks of great effort, with many tasks completed in the off season including:

- Jack Cox refurbishment.
- New Deck boards
- Men's shower refurbishments
- New Minnow Boat storage
- Slipway Repairs
- New lighting
- Ramp enhancements.
- critical maintenance and service of race and rescue boats
- maintenance of club Pacers and Optis
- much painting and cleaning around the club building and outside

Thank you to Jason Whyte and Michael Lambiris for coordinating these works.

The Club looks a whole lot better for all your efforts and we are proud to continue the tradition of the working bees at Williamstown Sailing Club – which is now legendary amongst the Victorian Clubs. The best thing about the working bees coming to an end is that the sailing season has started!.

New Race Series and OOD Roster

As part of this seasons innovations to the Sailing Committee has introduced a Mixed Class Handicap series to give all sailors, including those with less than 3 in a Class a chance of glory.

As announced at the end of last season a Race Office of the Day roster will be posted, so keep an eye on the website and noticeboard. According with our sailing instructions any Boats shall score points equal to the average of all races sailed in the series when prevented from racing by the race committee because of official club duties, i.e. skippers who are the OOD.

Club Race Officers Course

Australian Sailing is presenting a Club Race Officers Course at our Club for all those interested. The Club Race Officer course is aimed at educating Australian Sailing members in the basics to conduct consistent, fair and safe club racing. To register follow the link below.

Course fee \$65

Sunday 14 October 2018

10am - 4pm

Williamstown SC

Event Page:

<https://www.sailing.org.au/events/28135/>

Registration enquiries please contact

chris.jones@sailing.org.au

Membership fees are overdue.

Thank you to the majority of members who have paid their fees for the upcoming sailing season. Over a third have yet to pay, however. We ask all members to pay their fees on time to ensure a viable Club and to maintain fees at a reasonable level. With the due date for payment now passed, it would be appreciated if any member who is yet to pay their fees, to please arrange this as soon as possible.

It is easy to pay your fees, either pay by Electronic funds transfer directly into the Club accounts reference your membership number, or drop by the Club on a Saturday morning and pay in cash, cheque or on credit card.

Any questions please contact the Secretary at secretary@williamstownssailingclub.org.au.

Hire a club Pacer

Did you know you can hire one of the club's Pacers? To help new members get into racing the club owns a fleet of Pacers that we encourage new club members to use. You can hire a pacer for a Saturday or for the sailing season. Priority for boat use and rental is for new members and graduates from the Learn to Sail program. Read more about leasing club Pacers.



LTS Course 2018

Sorry, our November 2018 Learn to Sail bookings are unfortunately now Full.



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