



**YACHTING**  
**SOUTH AUSTRALIA**

*Annual Report*  
*Season 2013 - 2014*



### **AGENDA FOR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, 27 MAY 2014**

1. ATTENDENCE & APOLOGIES
2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF AGM HELD 28th MAY 2013
3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM 28th MAY MEETING
4. REPORTS
5. AFFILIATION FEES FOR 2014/2015 SEASON
6. ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS
7. CONFIRMATION OF SUB COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS  
FOR 2014/2015
8. CONFIRMATION OF YA DELEGATES
9. CONFIRMATION OF AUDITOR
10. CLOSE OF MEETING

# 2013/14 Yachting SA Roll of Honour

The Board of Yachting SA congratulates the following South Australian sailors on their outstanding achievements.

## YSA Awards

for Season 2012/2013

**Sailor of the Year ~ Thomas G Flint Memorial Trophy**  
Malcolm Higgins

**Youth Sailor of the Year ~ Mikayla Thompson**

**Volunteer of the Year ~ James H.P. Boucaut Award**  
Graham Lovell - Victor Harbor YC

**President's Award ~ Services to Yachting in SA**  
Andy Dyer – Team Sailing / Port Lincoln YC  
Phil Kelly – Team Sailing / Port Lincoln YC

## 2013/2014 National Champions

**International Fireball**  
National Champion

Greg Allison  
*Adelaide SC*

Allan Bleinkle  
*Adelaide SC*

**Mosquito MKII**  
National Champion

Simon Hallsworth  
*Somerton YC*

Ben Clark  
*Somerton YC*

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### **ITEM 1 Attendance & Apologies**

#### Attendance Register and Voting Rights

All attendees are required to sign the attendance register before the meeting commences or upon arrival.

The chairperson will request 2 non-voting attendees to act as scrutineers for the meeting.

Only those persons identified by their Clubs or Associations prior to the Meeting as Voting Delegates will be able vote.

#### Quorum at Meetings of the Association

One tenth of the appointed delegates is required to form a quorum. *A quorum is required for the meeting to commence and at any time to continue.*

#### Protocol for Motions

Motions require a mover and a seconder. The seconder does not have to agree with the motion but may second a motion so that discussion can continue.

The mover of the motion will be asked to speak on behalf of the motion after which others may speak ONLY ONCE on the motion. The mover will have the final "right of reply" to the discussion.


At the end of the discussion, the chairperson will call for a vote. If required the scrutineers will count the votes. If a secret ballot is required, the scrutineers will distribute a voting slip to each delegate.

The Chairperson of any Meeting of the Association is entitled to exercise a casting vote in relation to any matter to be determined at that meeting.

The chairperson will declare the vote.

Note: Voting matters require a simple majority

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Yachting South Australia		Date: 28 <sup>th</sup> May 2013	
	Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on 28 <sup>th</sup> May 2013 Meeting commenced at 8:10 pm (following YSA Council meeting)		
1.	Attendance & Apologies:		
1.1	Members Present : Refer to Attendance Sheet		
1.2	Apologies: Simon Irving Andrew Short Marcus Towell Caillin Howard Andy Dyer Bryn Davis Barry Muir Carol Sprake Warwick Graham Peter Roodhouse Craig Birbeck Marc Reid		
2.	Confirmation of Minutes of previous meeting on 22 May 2012		
	“The Minutes of the previous AGM 22 May 2012 are true and correct” Moved: Matt Carter Seconded: Vicki Hughes Carried		
3.	Business arising from previous minutes		
	None		
4.	Reports		
4.1	President	Wayne Thompson	
	As circulated		
4.2	Treasurers	Wayne Thompson	
	As circulated - Wayne Thompson noted that: There is a misprint in the report under long term investments and this should be on the next line down. - YSA Have moved from QuickBooks to MYOB thus there is a slight change in the way that the reports are presented  - YSA is in a better position than before and are always looking for efficiencies within the Board and Office. - Congratulations - from Brendan Murray GRYC		

4.3	Development Manager	Ian Leeson
	As circulated	
4.4	SA High Performance Sailing Coach	Brendan Todd
	As circulated	
4.5	YSA Off the Beach Catamaran Committee	Marcus Towell
	As circulated	
4.6	YSA Race Officials Committee	Malcolm Hughes
	As circulated	
4.7	Sailability SA Committee	John Johnston
	As circulated	
4.8	SA School Team Racing	Simon Irving
	As circulated	
4.9	SA Youth Sailing	Andrew Short
	As circulated	
4.10	YA National Training Delegate	Ian Porteous
	As circulated	
4.11	SA IRC	
	As circulated	
4.12	All Reports were accepted	
5.	Affiliation Fees for 2013/2014 Season	
	Fees will be increases by 2.2% this season (CPI). Under the new constitution this does not need to be ratified.	
6.	Election of Board Members for 2013/2014 Season	
	<p>Valid nominations were received from:</p> <p>Andrew Short Dave Godden Christian Paech</p> <p>Under the Constitution, there being no contest for the positions, the three nominees were declared elected to the Board.</p>	

7.	Confirmation of Sub-Committee Chairpersons for 2013/2014
	<p>YSA Race Officials Committee ..... Malcolm Hughes  Sailability SA ..... John Johnston  YSA Team Racing Committee ..... Simon Irving  YSA Youth Sailing Committee ..... Andrew Short  Off the Beach Cat Committee ..... Marcus Towell</p> <p>The meeting agreed with the above positions.</p>
8.	Confirmation of Yachting Australia National Committee delegates for 2012/13
	To Be agreed in the future
9.	Confirmation of Auditor for 2013/2014
	<p>The recommended that Mr. Rod Shearing be appointed as Auditor for the ensuing year.</p> <p>All agreed.</p>
10.	Other Business
	None
12.	Close of meeting: 20:27
	Next meeting: To be advised

#### **Attendance List - Yachting SA - Council Meeting & AGM - 28th May 2013**

President	Wayne Thompson
Board Member	Dave Godden
Board Member	Bob Heywood
Development Officer	Ian Leeson
Administration Officer	Vicki Hughes
YSA Race Officials & YA National RR & Officials Committee	Malcolm Hughes
Sailability SA & YA National Sailability Committee	John Johnston
Brighton & Seacliff Y.C.	Bruce Noble
Goolwa Regatta Y.C. Inc.	Brendan Murray
Henley S.C. Inc.	Alan How
Largs Bay S.C.	Michael Simms
Largs Bay S.C.	Matthew Carter
Milang Regatta Club	Roger Wilson
Victor Harbor Y.C. Inc.	Ian Porteous
Victor Harbor Y.C. Inc.	Paul Hawkins
Impulse Assoc. of SA	Michael Trott
SA Hobie Catamaran Assoc.	Bob Schahinger
Incoming Board Member	Christian Paech

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### **ITEM 3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM AGM MINUTES 2013**

### **ITEM 4. REPORTS**

President .....	Wayne Thompson
Treasurer.....	Wayne Thompson
Development Manager .....	Ian Leeson

Off the Beach Catamaran Committee .....	Marcus Towell
Sailability SA .....	John Johnston
SA High Performance Coach .....	Brendan Todd
YSA Race Officials Committee .....	Malcolm Hughes
YSA Team Racing Committee .....	Simon Irving
YSA Youth Sailing Committee .....	Andrew Short

YA National Team Sailing Committee .....	Andy Dyer
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## YACHTING SOUTH AUSTRALIA 2013 – 2014 SEASON

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Firstly let me welcome everyone to the AGM for the year 2013/14.

In June 2013, YSA held its inaugural Club Conference at the Cruising Yacht Club of South Australia. The theme of the conference was to talk about initiatives that would help Clubs e.g. Insurance policies, grants, social media, training for Officials and much more. This event was well attended from most Clubs in our state. Approximately 40% of the people that turned up were from our country Clubs. Due to the fact that it was so well attended and the feedback was very informative and positive, it has been decided to hold this event bi-annually.

The major feedback was a need for a course on Risk Management. This course was held in September at the Adelaide Sailing Club. Once again, this event had a great attendance. The theme of this one was easier - we invited the chairman of the National Safety Committee to come over and run through the possible risks associated with Clubs and Marinas. He also took the opportunity to discuss the risk management document that has been developed by Yachting Australia and the relevant State Authorities (MYA's).

As most people would remember, in July 2013 the Office of Recreation and Sport held what they called a 360Deg review of all sporting organizations in South Australia. Yachting was well represented by the people that were invited to fill out the survey. We had approximately a 65 to 70% response. This put our sport in the top 10 organizations in South Australia. The information gained from this has helped us find our strengths and weaknesses within the organization. Throughout this year, the YSA Board has been working on expanding on our strengths and improving on our weaknesses. Thank you to all the people that took the time to respond to this online survey.

October last year saw the National Discover Sailing Day held, with clubs opening up to the public to come and try sailing. There was about 10 Clubs that took up the incentive. The results were a mixed bag. Some Clubs increased their membership, while other Clubs had a lot of people coming down and having a look but they did not gain any new members. Overall YSA sees the day as a good result.

During this year Shoot the Breeze wound up after many years of service to youth sailors in this state. They had a considerable amount of funds at the wind up stage. They purchased 10 Tackers boats from Yachting Queensland and donated them to YSA. These Tackers boats will be used to help set up Tackers Centres in SA. Setting up these Tackers Centres will help gain more members to our sport. We sincerely thank Shoot the Breeze for this kind donation. YSA and Brighton and Seacliff Yacht Club have now entered into an agreement to help set them up as the second SA Tackers Centre.

The past year we have also been working with Yachting Australia on the Australian Sport Commissions "winning edge policy". This has come about due to our sport being ranked as one of the top 7 sports in Australia. This program is all about good governance and the Federal Government making sure that tax payer's money is being used properly.

The Good Governance Principles derived from the "winning edge policy" is also flowing down to the State Level to ensure there is alignment between the National and State Bodies. The Office of Recreation and Sport has already approached YSA (and several other major sports in SA) to

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enter into the "Good Governance Principles". This will eventually filter to all sporting bodies in South Australia.

Since Christmas we have seen a couple of changes with the YSA Board. Unfortunately, due to personal reasons, Simon Irving resigned from the Board and some Sub-committees. He has agreed to remain on as the Team Sailing Sub-committee Chairman. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Simon for his contribution to the sport of sailing and his invaluable contribution as Vice President during his time on the Board.

YSA then appointed Luke Hookings as a member of the Board. Luke has been sailing since he was very young and has just graduated from University. It is hoped that in due course that Luke will take over the role of Treasurer.

Lastly I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the 2013/2014 Board Members, the Office Staff and the associated families for their continual support and effort over the last year. Although it has been a long year it has also been a rewarding one.

Thank You  
Wayne Thompson  
President, YSA

### **TREASURERS REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH**

Welcome to the AGM for the year 2013/14

I write this report in dual duties of President and acting Treasurer. I have had significant assistance from fellow Board member Christian Paech and I thank him for his assistance.

Yachting South Australia (YSA) have been very prudent in their spending this year.

Looking at the Profit and Loss Statement, it shows we made a \$22238 profit. This is deceptive as there are still some expenses to be written off due to the timing of our end of financial year and the reporting of programs to Office of Recreation and Sport.

There is still at least \$12000 to be spent on High Performance Funding which is a grant from the State Government which has to be spent in this area. This is the only significant expenditure left there are smaller ones due to when the financial year ends.

This year sees the accounting fees are at \$4500. This is the first full year we have outsourced this area of our business which has worked really well. This has freed up the office staffs time significantly to work on other projects. My thanks go to Joy How who has been doing the job for us.

In the balance sheet you will notice a donation to Junior Sailing of \$16,363. This was donated to us by Shoot the Breeze which wound up during the year. This money was used to purchase a fleet of 12 Tackers boats which have now become an asset.

In the last few years we have had some tough and tight times. I am now pleased to say that if we lost our Government funding, we would have enough to survive for a year. As we are in this position, we can start to free up some funds to help Clubs and Classes with events. In saying this, we intend to remain prudent as it won't take much to slip back into the red.

Thank you  
Wayne Thompson  
Acting Treasurer, YSA

**DEVELOPMENT MANAGER'S REPORT**

Two of the key focus areas of the Association over the past year have been increased participation, and a heightened sense of risk and safety management both internally and through leadership and guidance to our affiliates.

The increased support and services offered by the Association to its affiliates throughout the past 2 seasons has seen significant growth in participation numbers at affiliated Clubs and Discover Sailing Centres within the State. Membership numbers on the whole have grown as have the number of participants undertaking Courses at accredited Discover Sailing Centres in SA.

With the increasing number of new participants to our sport and organisations, it is imperative that we continue to be regarded as a self regulating sport by the government agencies with our own impeccable risk management practices. I encourage and ask you all to ensure that your own risk management procedures and practices at your organisations and events are well thought through, planned, documented and your volunteers and staff adequately trained to operate in the various settings and roles that they perform. The Association with support from Yachting Australia have developed a comprehensive suite of Risk Management and safety resources for your use which have been significantly communicated to you over this past season. The Association is currently working on the next phase of this support regarding risk and safety management for your use.

One further major initiative undertaken by The State Associations and Yachting Australia is the overhaul of the Yachting Australia IT platforms now referred to as SIMS (Sailing Information Management Systems). The YA hosted websites were successfully migrated to the new platform in October; the myclub and myclass membership databases will be next in August 2014, followed by mycentre and a new competition management system later in 2015. As each phase is migrated the Association has offered all affiliates the chance to undertake training and information sessions on the new systems, this will continue over the coming season.

Looking towards the 2014-2015 Season the Association will again be focusing on the following 4 key strategic areas.

- 1. Grow Interest and Participation.** Increase take up of sailing and improve retention in junior, youth and target markets.
- 2. Build Club Capability.** Improve support to Clubs and develop Officials & Instructors
- 3. Improve Competitiveness.** Refine and develop pathways for sailors, coaches and administrators in South Australia.
- 4. Build Profile.** Improve services and communication to Clubs, Centres, Instructors and Officials in South Australia. Increase exposure to the general public.

I strongly urge the Associations Member Clubs to consider adopting the same key principals at Club level in order to take a collaborative approach to growing our sport.

I look forward to further assisting our Member Clubs & Classes throughout the 2014-2015 seasons and working together to increase the number of people safely taking part in our sport at all levels.

Ian Leeson  
Development Manager, YSA

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### **OFF THE BEACH CATAMARAN COMMITTEE REPORT**

The objectives for the 2013/2014 season were: -

- Organise a yardstick championship "Cat Fight" in conjunction with the Victor Harbor Yacht Club over the November/December state heat weekend.
- Continue promoting the Traveller series in similar format.
- Utilize other forms of web based media (ie Face book) to promote OTB cat sailing.

#### **Cat Fight**

18 boats attended the "Cat Fight" regatta. VHYC volunteers put in considerable effort, but the event was only moderately supported by the SA cat fleets. Yardstick formulation appears to be the biggest complaint among fleets. For those who attended the weekend format & courses offered were well received. The VHYC secured sponsorship from Ronstan, which was also well received.

#### **Traveller Series**

The long distance races on the YSA calendar were "piggy backed" to form a series.  
The events were : -

Race 1 – "Goolwa to Meningie" – MSC, Race 2 – "Milang to Goolwa" – GRYC, Race 3 – "Milang to Milang" – MRC, Race 4 – "Drain to Drain" – LacBSC, Race 5 – "Rum Race" – VHYC

The Milang to Goolwa received the most attention from cat sailors, despite being dogged with protests, was by far the standout event for the season.

#### **2014/2015 Season**

Objectives for 2014/2015 season : -

#### **Yardsticks**

The VYC approach to Yardsticks is not working for SA. Consequently the OTBCC has agreed with the YSA board to manage the yardsticks for SA catamarans. Yardsticks are one of the major reasons for sailors not attending events as they believe certain classes have an advantage. The OTBCC aim is create an even playing field. Once yardsticks have been set, YSA & OTBCC will communicate through the classes & social media to get the message to sailors.

#### **Cat Fight**

Work with VHYC to turn the event into an annual event & combined with improved yardsticks hopefully encourage more cat sailors to attend. If numbers improve sailing clinics can be considered.

#### **Traveller Series**

Continue encouraging OTB cat sailors to attend long distance races on the YSA calendar.

Marcus Towell  
Chairman, Off The Beach Cat Committee (OTBCC)

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### **SAILABILITY SA REPORT**

This year we have had a new Sailability Branch start up at the Murray Bridge Water Activities Club Inc and while it is new it is tapping into the large number of people with disabilities in the Murray Bridge area, The contact for this area is Ian Rick (08-85313212)

This year all Branch's were busy conducting "come & try and recreational sailing " as well as the usual club racing programs for our sailors who have progressed enough to enjoy friendly club competitive sailing.

All Sailability Branch's are always looking for more volunteers to assist in conducting these days so if you can help please phone myself or the nearest Branch in your area. You do not have to know how to sail as there are many other jobs that need volunteers.

In August we again had a display at the SA Disability Expo at Wayville showgrounds, then in November with 7 boats from Goolwa Regatta YC and Port Adelaide SC we were able to have a on water display at the Murray Bridge People With A Disability Day Expo. This was a great success with over 50 young (PWD) people with disabilities being given the chance to sail. In April we took 8 boats into the Torrens Lake for the annual SCOSA (Spastic Centre Of SA) day of sailing in the city, again with over 40 participants against the background of the new Adelaide Oval and Footbridge we attracted a lot of interest including print and TV ( thanks to PASC for their volunteers and boats)

This season as President I have attended National Sailability meetings in Sydney in August 2013 and again in May 2014 as well as attending Department of Recreation & Sport I Net quarterly meetings. Both these meeting are a great networking events that keep us informed on current events both across Australia and locally and also allows us to present Sailability SA to them. I also attended the Active Aging Forum in May where the guest speaker was Noeline Brown (Ambassador for the Aging since 2008) as well as Professor Kevin Norton ( UniSA), Michelle Wilson (Manager Heart Foundation), and Grace Bowman (Australian Paralympics Equestrian athlete)

On the competitive side of Sailability this year we had the SA State Sailability Championship at Port Adelaide Sailing Club on 5-6th April 2014 and this was followed with the HANSA Association National Championships at the Goolwa Regatta Yacht Club over Easter. The difference between these events are that the State Sailability Championship is a competition for sailors with a disability and the HANSA competition is sailing with both able bodied and PWD in the same fleet.

At the last (May) National Sailability meeting some of the items discussed were risk management at both Sailability and Club level and what Yachting Australia is trying to do to help with compliance, helping Sailability Clubs interstate to join with Yacht Clubs (for both membership and insurance), the rollout of the National Soldier On program (SA has a program of family sailing days) and creating a new user friendly national Sailability webpage and a national volunteer induction program.

John Johnston  
President, Sailability SA

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### **SOUTH AUSTRALIA STATE SAILING PERFORMANCE PROGRAM REPORT**

During the past year the South Australian State Performance Program we have supported our program sailors in training and racing within South Australia, Interstate and at National events. The program sailors have competed in events including the ISAF World Cup event in Melbourne and Class National Championships. Classes that our Team sailors competed in were Laser Radial Men, Laser Radial Women, Laser full rig for men. The year was not without its challenges with some of our sailors spending some valuable training periods and the national racing period injured.

With our Team members spread across the state we utilised many local Clubs and sailing areas. The support from these local Clubs was of great help to the program. We trained or held sport specific theory sessions at Adelaide Sailing Club, Kangaroo Island Yacht Club, Port Lincoln Yacht Club and Port River Sailing Club, Sandringham Yacht Club. We have engaged some local Sports Consultants to work with our Team in the areas of Sports Psychology and Sports Nutrition.

The Program Coach along with Luke Hookings supported our South Australian youth sailors at the Australian Youth Championships. I would encourage Clubs and Classes to help support their youth and junior sailors in their endeavor's to interact with the greater National group of youth and junior sailors interstate. It is clear that it is imperative that they do so to increase the performance of our youth Team in coming years.

For the year ahead we will again focus on the Laser group of classes as this is where the talent is in the National Class Pathway. We hope that we will be able to see some of our sailor's branch out into other National classes including the 49er. We also have one of our athletes travelling overseas to compete two International races in Europe. It has been a few years since we have had a sailor compete at a major International event overseas and is a welcomed step forward. It is an important for our sailors to continue to strive on the National and World stages, building on their capabilities in their Class and increasing their depth of experience which they will be able to draw upon for future performances and in other senior classes.

Our Team again was supported by Musto clothing which was worn proudly and consistently throughout the year. We are very thankful of this support from Musto Australia

Brendan Todd  
SA High Performance Coach

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### **YSA RACE OFFICIALS COMMITTEE REPORT.**

Please accept this report from the Race Officials Committee for the season 2013/2014

Again, the Christmas – New Year period was busy with Nationals at Adelaide, Brighton, Christies Beach, Largs Bay and Milang. Only the Hobie 16's sought the services of a National Jury. Members though have been involved with a number of protest hearings and appeal hearings through the season, largely from the Keelboat Clubs.

Members have been involved in running many State, National and International events both locally, interstate and overseas. These have included fleet racing and schools teams racing. We have also been active in participating in local club Regattas and State Junior and Youth events.

In addition to the Australian events in Melbourne and Sydney, members have travelled to Thailand, Malaysia, Canada and the US to support prestigious international events right up to the America's Cup.

It was particularly pleasing to have David Tillett recognised for his services to Australian and International Yachting as a Race Official with an Order of Australia Medal. Congratulations David.

Yachting South Australia has continued with a National Officiating Program. Successful Race Officer courses have been held at CYC, Largs Bay and Goolwa. Another is planned for September this year, prior to the start of next season. A Judge course is planned for June 14 & 15. If interested please contact the Office. Other Race Officer, Judge or Rules seminars are available if Clubs or Classes request and can be tailored to suit requirements.

As part of the NOP program, members also participated in local and country Regattas as support for local Race Management teams in an on water mentoring role. I would like to extend an invitation to all Clubs for similar support next season.

An interesting range of classes will be in SA next season for National events including Sabres, Cherubs, Cadets, Etchells, J24s and 125s. Events are becoming more wide spread. It will be a challenge next year to support Nationals in Wallaroo, Port Lincoln, Tumby Bay and Adelaide simultaneously. New members are welcome. Interested people should contact the Office and our development strategies will see you supported in pursuing these important volunteer streams. Simon Irving has retired from our Committee after a number of years of active participation, and continues his input, particularly as a Judge and Umpire at a range of State and National events. We thank him for his committee efforts.

This Christmas sees a number of National events in South Australia. Classes and organising Clubs are advised to contact the Race Officials Committee for assistance in preparing their race documentation and in provisioning qualified Protest panels and juries.

Malcolm Hughes  
Chairman, YSA Race Officials Committee

## **YACHTING SOUTH AUSTRALIA TEAM RACING REPORT**

### **Open Team Sailing**

Open Team Sailing still presents difficulties in getting off the ground. The major challenge is to coordinate events that fit into the schedule of Uni, work, sailing and coaching for most participants. We would be very interested in hearing for anyone keen to help promote and foster the area of our sport.

This year at the University Games Uni SA placed in third against 13 other teams on the Gold Coast. We have several teams now training for Uni Games again this year to be held in NSW and we wish them well.

### **Secondary Schools Team Sailing**

Another great year for Schools Team Sailing in South Australia has seen some fantastic results. Congratulations must go to St Josephs from Port Lincoln who managed to take out the trifecta of State Champions, National Champions and Interdominion Champions all in the same year. A great reward for many years of hard work. Sincere congratulations go to all involved. We also had 2 other schools attend the Nationals in Hobart with Immanuel College and also Kangaroo Island Community Education.

Our AGM was held during the State Championships at Port River and was very well attended. I would like to thank the members of our committee that worked this past year and have not continued and also welcome some new delegates. In the southern region we have Russell Coleman and Matt Morley continuing on. A new delegate for the Metro area Sandy Higgins with Anthony Mitton continuing. For the Western region we have new delegates in Mark Forbes and Nigel Rogers.

Our State Championships were held at Port River Sailing Club with 21 teams entering. We were blessed with fantastic conditions that allowed us to conduct uninterrupted racing. In total 210 races were run over the 3 days and the event was a huge success. Congratulations must go to the metro delegates in Anthony Mitton and Debbie Best, a couple of helpers in Danielle Derrick, Matt Pernini, Alex Hayter on the organising committee and of course all the member of PRSC for such a wonderful event. Once again our State Champions were St Josephs from Port Lincoln and we now have several teams looking forward to the Australian Championships in Sydney at Woollahra in July. We wish them all well as they represent South Australia.

It is with sadness that we farewell Andy Dyer from our Team Sailing Committee as he takes a well-earned break. We need to thank Andy so much for the amazing amount of work and commitment he showed not only to the solid program in Port Lincoln but also to Team Sailing as a whole in South Australia. I know we all hope it's not long before the team sailing part of our sport calls Andy back.

## **Regional Reports**

### **Metro Region**

The Metro Region has seen an amazing amount of change in the past year. MSTs, a separate organisation that used to run Team Sailing events in the Metro Area announced that it did not intend to run any events this season. The Metro YSA delegates quickly pulled together and were able to run four very successful one day regattas at Port River Sailing Club in the 2013-14 season.



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Special thanks must go to Anthony Mitton, Debbie Best and Wayne Thompson for the tireless work they put in to ensure that teams in the Metro area still had regattas to attend as normal. In April we presented the Yachting South Australia Metro Region Team Racing trophy to Immanuel College as the first winners of the new perpetual award.

### **Western Region**

Ceduna area school is still team sailing as is Saint Josephs in Port Lincoln. However we haven't been able to get other schools to participate. We nearly got Tumby Bay back on board as well as some murmurs from Port Lincoln High and Whyalla but nothing has eventuated.

Trying to organise a Regionals has proved problematic with the tyranny of distance proving the main obstacle between Ceduna and Lincoln. The students other sailing commitments through the sailing season has made it hard to commit given that it's a long way to drive for 1 days sailing.

On a positive note Saint Josephs had a successful year winning the State, National and Interdominion Titles. This is the first time in my involvement that a team has won all three in the same year, though Hutchins did win Nationals and Interdominions they didn't win their states that year. Two Interdominions from two Regattas is a great achievement.

### **South Eastern Region**

The South Eastern Region held a successful two day Regional Regatta at Kangaroo Island Yacht Club on the 6th and 7th of March 2014. The Regatta had a total of 7 teams representing six different schools. Meningie entered 1 team, Investigator College had 2 teams, Kangaroo Island had three teams and then the final team was the Victor Harbor Composite team which comprised of team members from Victor Harbor High School, Goolwa Primary School and Prince Alfred College. Kangaroo Island won the Regatta with Investigator College finishing second.

At the 2014 States the region had five teams competing. Two Kangaroo Island teams, two Investigator College teams and the Victor Harbor composite team. The composite team required special permission for entry into the Regatta due to the number of schools comprising the team.

Team Sailing is still a strongly competed sport within the South Eastern Region with large numbers of young sailors becoming involved. It is disappointing that Victor Harbor High School has not been able to field a team of its own. However there are learn to sail programs that run through the school so potentially a team could be formed in the coming years. Meningie will also not be competing at States again, however they look set to make an appearance at the 2015 State Regatta. In positive news the composite team from the region has members from a newly competing school Encounter Lutheran College. This school has also provided the teacher for this team and has a very popular step after school sailing program so hopefully with interest from these kids this school may join the mix in the coming years.

The organisation within the region has changed drastically over the recent years with long serving members of the organisation such as Tim Frears and Ian Porteous no longer having such a high level of involvement and input. These people have had to be replaced which has meant a transition period, has been happening throughout the region with only Meningie unchanged. This has been quite a learning curve but everything is still running smoothly.

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### **2015 States**

The Secondary School Team Racing States are scheduled to be held at Meningie from the 15th to the 18th April 2015.

Simon Irving  
Chairman, YSA Team Sailing Committee

### **YSA YOUTH SAILING**

The YSA Junior/Youth Coaching Clinics held during student holiday periods continue to achieve their aim of training proficient sailors to a higher level. More importantly, they have managed to attract and maintain junior sailors in the sport who were looking for a step up from basic sailing. YSA Youth Sailing has again programmed five Coaching Clinics for next season. ORS grants will again support this program for 2014/15 season. We hope to gain further support from the Office of Recreation and Sport beyond the 2014/15 fiscal year to further improve the participation and skill levels of Youth and Junior sailors.

The YSA Youth Tri Series commenced on the October long weekend at Port Lincoln Yacht Club. The next Tri Series event was held at Largs Bay Sailing Club, and the final event at Brighton and Seacliff Yacht Club. This format proved to be successful with all events completed before Christmas and minimal impingement on club racing. The Tri Series is now promoted as a training event leading up to the Nationals.

The YSA Youth State Championships were again held at Adelaide Sailing Club in March as part of the AIR regatta. Participation was also up on previous years. Next season it will again be a two day event as part of AIR, but with the third day dedicated to class transition.

The Optimist class continues to grow exponentially and is providing a great platform for junior sailors to enter the sport. The Tackers program is also expanding interest in sailing to many families who would otherwise not consider the sport, and we have seen children transition from Tackers to junior classes. Growth in country areas continues to be strong, in particular at the southern Spencer Gulf clubs for both junior and youth classes.

This year we had a record number of SA sailors compete at the Optimist National Championships and the YA Youth Championships, with a high success rate in the Optimists.

We well recognise that not all of our junior and youth sailors aspire to be Olympic or World champions however, that said, we are very proud that five of our SA Optimist sailors gained selection for the Australian Optimist Sailing Team. Three of these sailors recently attended the Asian Championships in Bahrain and one will soon be attending the Optimist World Championship. Also one of our Laser sailors from the High Performance group will be competing at the under 21 European Laser Championships in Italy.

As mentioned in last year's report, YSA Youth Sailing is committed to finding solutions to maintain juniors in sailing once they grow out of their junior class and to encourage a diversity of sailing opportunities for youth sailors.

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On behalf of the YSA Youth Committee I thank the Clubs, YSA Board and Office of Recreation and Sport for their continued support.

Andrew Short,  
Chairman, YSA Youth Sailing

### **Y A NATIONAL TEAM SAILING DELEGATE**

This year has seen an extremely successful year for South Australian Team Sailing.

Nationally there has been some fairly major changes in the structure of Team Sailing. There is no longer a Yachting Australia Team Sailing Committee, instead we are going to incorporate an Association that will run Team Sailing events. This will be similar to how Class Associations organize their sailing. The previous YA Committee will form the inaugural Committee and work as the organizing authority for National Titles. What this will mean is that people participating in Team Sailing events will need to become members to help to fund Team Sailing in Australia.

Yachting Australia's decision to no longer support Team Sailing at previous levels has meant this change was unavoidable. For most people participating nothing will change, but we hope that the new Association will promote Team Sailing in a more positive way.

This year there was the successful Schools Team Sailing Nationals held in Hobart that Saint Josephs from Port Lincoln won, a great effort and reward for 4 previous years in the top three.

Saint Josephs, along with 2 schools from Tasmania, The Friends and St Virgils then went on to represent Australia at the Trans Tasman Interdominion against New Zealand's best three schools. Farhn School from Tasmania also represented Australia as the top all girls team. With very consistent high level sailing Saint Josephs won this Regatta giving them a clean sweep of State, National and Interdominion Champions. Congratulations to all involved.

The other major National event was the Uni Games held on the Gold Coast. 14 Teams participated in the Team Sailing event with Uni WA winning and Uni SA finishing a very respectable third

Moving forward the new Team Sailing Association is very keen to resurrect the Open Team Sailing competition and one thought is to give this event a home, possibly Albert Park Lake in Melbourne and hold it at the same venue at the same time each year. Hopefully this concept will generate interest in the event so it becomes part of the National Team Sailing calendar.

With more and more ex participates in school team sailing the association hopes that events like the Uni games and Open events will become bigger and better in the future.

Yours in team sailing

Andy Dyer  
YA National Team Sailing Delegate

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### **ITEM 5. AFFILIATION FEES FOR 2014/2015 SEASON**

### **ITEM 6. ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS**

Three positions will become vacant on 31st May for the 2014/2015 seasons.  
Nominations closed on 29<sup>th</sup> April 2014  
The nominations received are (in alphabetical order).

Luke Hookings  
Wayne Thompson

### **ITEM 7. CONFIRMATION OF SUB COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS FOR 2014/2015**

Sailability SA Committee	John Johnston
SA Youth Committee	Andrew Short
Off the Beach Catamaran Committee	Marcus Towell
YSA Race Officials Committee	Malcolm Hughes
YSA Team Racing Committee	Simon Irving

### **ITEM 8. CONFIRMATION OF YA DELEGATES**

YA National Racing Rules & Officials Committee  
YA National Sailability Committee  
YA National Youth Committee

### **ITEM 9. CONFIRMATION OF AUDITOR**

Rod Shearing (current auditor) is proposed as the auditor for the 2014/2015 Financial year.

### **ITEM 10. CLOSE OF MEETING**

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