

## NYS Commodore's Newsletter October 2022

Dear Members,

Wishing you and your families all the very best, I hope with the terrible weather events recently in Victoria you or your family and friends have not adversely been affected.

We had our annual AGM on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> of October; it was a successful meeting, and I am pleased to confirm the following members for the Committee for 2022/2023. I am certain you join me in congratulating these members and thank them for their commitment on behalf of the members. The only disappointment is that at this stage no one has come forward to take up the position of Rear Commodore with the retirement of Michael Dixon. This is an important role and is also a Flag Officer position. If you feel that you have the time and could assist the club in this role, please give me a call to discuss. My phone number is 0407 045 525.

### Committee 2022/2023

Commodore	Peter Buitenhuis	Vice Commodore	Bob Sterling
Rear Commodore	Position Vacant	Secretary	David Tonkin
Treasurer	Denis Loweth	Social Secretary	Pat Street
Safety Supervisor	Florian Andrigutto	Boating Secretary	Geoff de Jonge
Motorboat & Fishing Officer	Ray Mascaro	Training Officer	John Baragwanath
Building Officer	Nick Blackmore	Casual Berth	Ray Frith

Over the past 3 years the club, through Nick Blackmore and the Building Subcommittee, have been working hard behind the scenes planning future improvements for our club rooms. In that time, we have had significant issues with the building, particularly around the West decking as parts of the roof is allowing water to enter the building and cause major damage. Even though we spent money rectifying some of the problems the west deck has proven to be the major issue, continually allowing water into the office area below. Now this problem has become urgent. Luckily a lot of work with conceptual drawings and the application process has already taken place. At the AGM we asked the members to grant permission to proceed with the proposed western building works and stair works with a maximum outlay of \$350,000. We have had a contingency in place for some time for Squadron works in our capital reserves of \$385,000, so we have funds available, but we are hopeful of achieving grants to assist the club with these works and we are quietly confident that these grants will be available to assist the club, greatly reducing our expenditure and club funds. The plans are available in the club rooms for any member who wishes to see what is proposed. We will be putting the work out to tender, so we should receive competitive quotes for works required.

We are starting to see a lot more activity around the club as the issues of Covid and restrictions around the pandemic ease. Particularly Saturday night **Happy Hour** functions are becoming very popular with a good turnout of members and friends. If you have not come along on our Saturday nights, you are missing a fun night, plus we now have the **Members Draw** every Saturday night at 6.30 pm. As I write this the amount that can be won is \$625 just for coming along, however if your name is drawn and you are not present you miss out; you have to be there to win. We also have some excellent sponsors who are supporting the club:

we have the San Remo Hotel who have a door prize for those attending every fortnight, and our local San Remo Butcher donating a meat tray every other Saturday night. Please support these businesses as they support us. On Saturday nights you are welcome to bring friends and also use our wonderful facilities like our kitchen and BBQ's. We only ask that you clean up after yourselves when you are finished. See you at the club!

## Kids Fishing Day

On **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October** Ray Mascaro, our Motorboat & Fishing Officer, organised a fabulous day for the kids to come to the club and experience fishing. The day was supported by sponsors and Parks Victoria, with over 30 kids and their parents attending, it was an excellent event. Thank you to Ray and his sponsors for the day. **Ray** donated the soft drinks on the day, his partner **Molly Voltcos** supplied puzzles and gifts for the kids, **RV Concept** supplied fishing rods, **Candy Buffet Company** supplied candy, and **David Bresnahan** supplied the sausages.



## Sailability

As you know through Alen Garrett and his Sailability team of volunteers, we have this fantastic program run by our club to support members of the community with disabilities and also sailing for kids. I have included for your interest the calendar of events for these programs for Term 4. If you would like to volunteer see Alen's number below.

### 1. Dinghy Program:

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October (Bass Coast SS) 12.00 to 1.30 pm,  
(Newhaven PS) 1.40pm to 3.00 pm

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> October (Bass Coast SS) 11.30 to 12.50 pm,  
(Newhaven PS) 1.10 to 2.30 pm

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November (Bass Coast SS) 11.30 to 12.50pm, (Newhaven PS) 1.10 to 2.30pm

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November (Bass Coast SS) 11.10 to 12.30pm, (Newhaven PS) 9.30 to 10.50 am

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December (Bass Coast SS) 11.10 to 12.30 pm, (Newhaven PS) 9.30 to 10.50am

### 2. Power Boats, Young Adults:

This day is a special day being held on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November for young adults with special needs. It is proposed to run two programs on the day each catering for 12 participants and their carers. Scheduled for 10am to 11.45 am and again at 12.15 to 2.00 pm. Alen and Ray are looking for at least 6 members who can assist with the provision of power boats plus some crew and helpers on shore to assist with the day. This should be a great day and something special for these young adults who would not normally be able to experience this sort of activity. For further information please call **Alen Garrett on 0429 417 552 or Ray Mascaro on 0418 352534.**



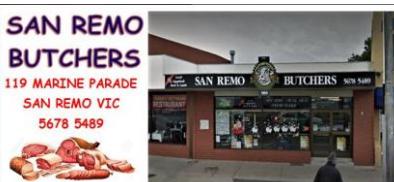
## Events that you must put aside in your diaries are:

- **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November**, starting at around 9.00 am our **Annual Working Bee**. This is a day when we have all hands-on deck and get the club ready for the season. A great chance to get involved, meet other members and look after your club
- **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November**, starting around 1.00 pm is our **Annual Opening Day** for the club. This is a must for all members as we celebrate the official opening of the new boating season for the year. This year it is particularly important as we will also be celebrating the **60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** of the club. On the day we will have our Annual Sail Past whereas many boats as possible (weather permitting) dress to impress and sail past the Commodore: lots of regalia, lots of fun. This is for both motorboats and sail boats to participate in, everyone is welcome and should participate if they have a boat. For those who wish to stay on shore there will be music, so that they can watch the proceedings from the club house. Past Commodore and long term/Life Member Hamish Hughes is our guest speaker, he will talk a bit about the history of our club and then we have a few prizes for the best dressed boats, and will officially open the season, then we open the bar with drinks and snacks supplied by the club. Members are encouraged to bring a plate to add to the festivities of the day. This is always a fantastic day and I encourage all members to participate. For members present there will also be a gift to celebrate 60 years of our wonderful club.
- **Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November: Safe Transport Victoria (Maritime Safety Victoria)** will be hosting an event at the club rooms starting at 1.00pm. They will be covering the following topics, inflatable life jackets, general safety equipment and raise an alarm, servicing life jackets and flare demonstration, weather apps and how to get on board, general tips for boat maintenance and the importance of level floatation. There may also be a few give aways on the day for those who attend.
- **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December**: Is our traditional **Christmas Dinner** event, you will need to get in early to book this one as we can only seat around 80 people (an email will be sent soon for bookings). We will have a live band, complimentary champagne on arrival. The bar will be open and there will be delicious food. A night not to be missed. Dress to impress and start the season of celebration.
- **New Year's Eve**: Celebrate the new year at the club. I will be supplying music with my trumpet and singing laid back tunes for your enjoyment, we will also have some rock 'n roll and dance music to while the night away. There will be a small cover charge of \$5.00, the bar will be open, and you are welcome to bring or cook your dinner at the club. You can also bring family and friends. A great way to see in 2023!

Once again, I wish all members safe boating and look forward to seeing you around the club.

**Best wishes**

**Peter Buitenhuis**  
**Commodore**



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