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Vice-Captains Report 2025

Racing

Sunday races went well with 12 entries and average short haul fleets on 9 boats. The format of Short Haul, Short Ocean and Boat Harbour works well and won't be changed for next season.

Wednesday fleets were down on previous years but otherwise went well. There will be no change in the format for next season with an overall result and 4 series within for Twilight and Afternoon races. The handicapping will remain with pursuit starts and time adjustment which are easily understood and provides instant results. A suggestion was made to use TCF handicapping so I may also provide a TCF result the following morning for interest only.

Survey

This year we again invited Skipper's and Crew to provide feedback to improve the racing scene, so thank you to all those that contributed. All comments were considered by the committee and implemented wherever possible. Replies and actions were displayed on the sailing web.

Sponsors

A special thank you to all our sponsors for their valuable support during the year and for the prizes donated at the presentation night in May.

Please support our sponsors as they support us.

"Macquart Marine" and "AusSea Sailing School" retired as sponsors for next season so some changes have been made as follows; "Foreshore Professional Painting" will now sponsor the Sunday Winter Passage series for 2026. The Wednesday Twilight series will be jointly sponsored by: Bass & Flinders Pavilion", Bass & Flinders Cruises" and "Shell Point Marine".

We will no longer be presenting beer jugs after each Sunday race as this was problematic.

Handbook

The handbook will be completed and printed following the AGM and copies will be available prior to the start of next season. The main changes are with the racing program with actual dates for next seasons, some modified or additional courses for Sunday's Bate Bay courses and all races must use the eStela tracking. The advertising in the handbook will totally cover the cost of production and printing.

Tracking

Last season we implemented a tracking system developed by eStela, a Spanish company.

This overcomes some problems we had with the previous "Logger". It uses an app that is free to download and works with iPhones and android. Accuracy is around 3 metres or 1 second at 6 knots.

Sail tracker can greatly enhance the racing experience. It allows spectators to follow the race in real time and allows replays after each race. It will help enforce sailing rules and provide factual evidence at protests. It also offers detailed performance data for each boat and includes starting and finishing times, and times at each mark.

Volunteers

May I thank all Skippers and Crew for their co-operating with buoy laying and retrieval to make racing possible. To Ken Teiffel presenting Twilight results, and the winning skippers for Afternoon results.

Peter Corbett for his backup which includes - Wednesday results with updates to the web using sail100, knowledge of the eStela tracking system with laying of marks, Cruising events with creative writeups directly to the web pages.

Finally, many thanks to skippers who occasionally thank me, I appreciate this very much.

See you on the water,

John Barter

Vice-Captain