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Commodore's Comments

New Committee

We held our club AGM recently. I would like to say many thanks to all the help and

support that last year's committee provided. Among those that stepped down, I would like to thank the hard work and dedication of Julian Bolleter, Matt Clark-Massera and Bob Jackson. With the new elections, I would like to acknowledge new committee members Julian Vito, Alan Walker, Jonas Grandinger, and Terry Gaunt Jnr, and gratitude to committee members who put up their hands for another year. All the committee members are volunteers, and it is only through their generous donation of their time and efforts that the club can carry out the racing, training and social program. The new committee is:

Patron	Stephen Smith
Commodore	Steve Rose
Vice Commodore	Mimi Secco
Rear Commodore House	Alan Benn
Rear Commodore Sailing	Trevor Rabey
Rear Commodore Training	Ken Patterson
Secretary	Robert Hermans/Andrew Carter
Treasurer	John Gaunt
Power Yacht Captain	Brian Plumb
Sailing Captain	Alan Walker
Committee	Les Mack
Committee	Terry Gaunt Jnr
Committee	Julian Vito
Committee	Jonas Grandinger
Venue Hire Manager	Narelle Little

Also, please remember this is your club! If you have ideas for events, whether racing or social, please let me know.

There are basically two things a club needs to be successful – an effective committee and, of course, members! We have a Club Development Sub-Committee that is working on initiatives to continue to grow our membership. We have two strategies –

the first is to increase the number of junior sailors, as we see this as vital for the future of the club. We run the week long Learn to Sail program in the school holidays, and the Sunday morning training. The second strategy is to encourage adults to take part, either as new sailors, or returning to sailing. Have a think whether you know any friends or family that would like to try out sailing.

Club Wind-Up

The next big event on our calendar is the Summer Season Wind-up to be held on Saturday May 6 at 6.30pm at the clubhouse. There will be announcements of the season champions and presentations to our new sailors. There will be a sit-down buffet dinner, with a bar. We will also organize some fun and games for our younger members. I look forward to seeing you all there!

We have a "TryBooking" site set up to book and pay for meals - \$20 for adults and \$10 for juniors. Here is the link at TryBooking below - so members can buy a ticket in advance and this will give us a better gauge of numbers beforehand for catering purposes. Please book early!

<https://www.trybooking.com/270749>

More Sailing!

Another Summer Sailing Season is over! But that doesn't mean no more sailing! Our Winter Racing season starts in May. Races will be held on the first Sunday of each month, starting a bit earlier, at 1pm. Usually the winds are lighter than in the summer, so the courses tend to be shorter. These informal races are a great chance for our new sailors to get some racing experience!

Elsewhere in this newsletter you will also find details of some informal "Rabbit Racing" on the last two Sundays of April - 23rd and 30th.

Steve Rose
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Summer Season Wrap Up

We had end of season reports from most fleets in the last newsletter - click the following link to see the last (and past) newsletters on the MYC Official Web page (thanks to Steve Fox for this great service):

<http://www.maylandsyachtclub.org.au/news.html>

The Lasers missed the last newsletter deadline - some say it is a sign of slowing up as the years catch up - the Editor of course disputes this, in any case, here is their belated report - grateful thanks to Jerome Toonen (radials) and Ken Patterson (full rigs) for these words.....

Laser Radials



Old man Toonen still sailing fast

During the 16/17 MYC summer season there have been five regular Laser Radial sailors participating in the racing program. Bob 'the builder', Trevor 'endless

endeavour' Les Mack 'on any tack', Jonas 'what a bonus', Jerome 'keen to beat them Sabres home' and Alan Benn '10 out of 10' (for his knowledge of the sailing rules).

Racing has been keenly contested with all of us getting better at for example:

- making sure the bungs are in,
- setting up the boats
- being close to the line at the starts
- keeping the boat flat,
- keeping the boat moving
- working the shifts,
- changing gear (adjusting the vang, cunningham and outhaul as required)
- dodging the boom
- gybing in heavier weather without capsizing
- dodging other boats

Did you know

The Laser Radial is generally sailed and raced by lighter weight sailors. Clearly this does not apply to some of the current Radial sailors – no names mentioned! The only difference between the Laser Standard and Laser Radial is the size of the sail and the length of the lower section of the mast. Any allusions to differences in the skills of the sailors of the two classes is definitely out of line! Everything else is the same and very tightly specified and controlled by the International Laser Class Association, although some of the outhauls, training sails and other variations seen at Maylands definitely wouldn't pass muster! The Laser Radial uses the same top section of the mast as the Laser Standard but uses a smaller bottom mast section. The sail itself is 5.8 m² about 19% smaller than the full Laser Standard rig at 7.0 m². The Radial sail and mast was created in the 1980s. In 1988 the Laser Women's World Championship began using the Laser Radial and the Laser Radial has been raced as the singlehanded women's class at the [Summer Olympics](#) since 2008.

ANCHOR = a device designed to bring up mud samples.

AYE-AYE = Somewhat-somewhat redundant-redundant nautical-nautical method-method of-of saying-saying "yes".

CHART = a type of map that tells you exactly where you are aground.

CLEW = 1) an indication from the skipper about what he/she might do next. 2)

Jonas where are your bungs? I haven't got a clew!!

DISPLACEMENT = when you dock your boat and can't find it later.

FIGUREHEAD= decorative dummy found on sail boats.

FIX = The estimated position of a boat or the true position a boat and its crew are in most of the time.

FREEBOARD = food and liquor supplied by the boat owner.

MAROON = result of a red and blue boat colliding.

RHUMB-LINE = two or more crew members waiting for a drink.

WAKE = 1) horizontal track in the water caused by passage of a boat

2) ceremony held if that track becomes vertical

WHITECAPS = 1) Agitated, foamy water on the tops of waves

2) Luggage handlers at seaside hotels

3) When Bob and Les decide it is their turn to drive the support boat

Jerome Toonen

Laser Full Rigs



Ken 'keeps on keeping on' Patterson

The Summer Season is over and the end of season wind-up is just around the corner. It's time to reflect on the highlights and identify the star performers. Scott Blanchard sailing *Fang* and Rob Hermans in *Water Taxi* have been very competitive against one another for 1st places, both being kept in their places when Julian Bolleter has shown his colours. Matt Clark-Massera kept pressure on all three. *Slick Chick* sailed by you know who seemed to be showing better performance in Championship events than in seasons past. Perhaps the skipper has been picking up a few clues at long last! Strong breezes on a couple of Sundays though, had him swimming and wondering if the Full Rig might have been designed for the young, fit and agile. Perhaps it's time to consider a Radial Rig (or even 4.7?)

It was great to see Mike Wilcox fronting up in his Full Rig *Back*. An unfortunate argument he had with the boom of his boat on one windy day saw him losing the confidence to continue in the class, quite a pity because he was showing he was developing the skills to put the pressure on far more experienced sailors. He chose to jump the step of the Sabre class and progress directly to the Hartleys, a move that would have been welcomed as he would be a valuable crewman.

Dave Hogg sailing *Whichwayup*, although not a frequent participant showed good skills until the stronger breezes that served to provide support to justify the name he chose for his craft.

James Gauci, new to the Club in 2016 and new to sailing, bought himself his Full Rig after attending just one training session! Now that's a recommendation for the skill of the trainers! The ability he has demonstrated in such a short time is indicative of his natural flair for this sport. We expect him to show the long-term competitors a thing or two next season.

We are sorry to learn that Matt Clark-Massera has decided to chase more competition in another club down river. All the best to you Matt from all of us.

Ken Patterson



Get ready for lighter wind days

Upcoming "Rabbit" Races - 23rd and 30th April

What is a "rabbit" race? Well, it is a good way to get everyone racing together without a lot of race organisation - making it ideal for trainees, smaller fleets, informal racing and winter type racing too.

Many casual recreational sailors probably think that racing requires a club, a race committee and scorekeepers. Well, no fun, casual racing is easy to organize, requires a bare minimum of equipment, and is a great way to spend an afternoon on the water. Here's what you need:

The fleet

Come one, come all. Over a short course, one and two person dinghies start as a single fleet so you can let everybody race one-on-one.

The start

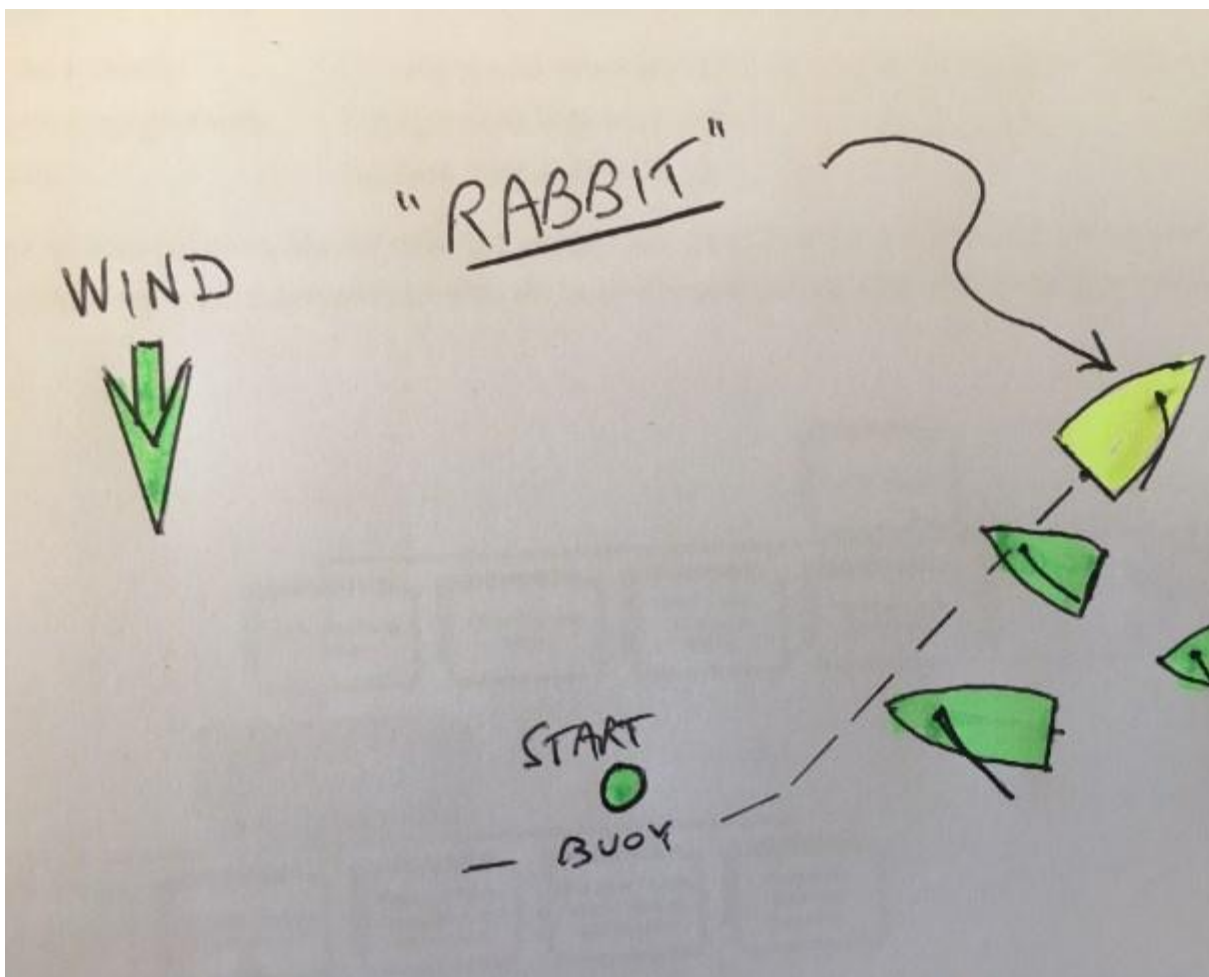
Forget about a race committee boat, flags, sound signals, and all that stuff. Just use the "rabbit" system.

One boat is designated the rabbit. It sails up to the start mark from the left side (looking to windward) and, after passing below the start mark, steers onto a close-hauled course (i.e., pointing as close to the wind as possible while still sailing) on port tack.

The rest of the competitors have to approach from the right, on starboard tack, and sail between the start mark and the stern of the rabbit.

That's it. The rabbit has a slight advantage so, in a series of races, give the last-place finisher in the previous race the rabbit's job for the next race, as it will give them the best possible start.

And don't pass too close to the rabbit's stern - give them some room, a boat length is about right - they will be travelling slower than you as you round up off a loose reach.



Lost Maylands

MAYLANDS Y.C.—Yesterday—
 Moths—A Division: Gidget (R.
 O'Sullivan) 1 and fastest; Fiddle-
 sticks 2; Laurel 3. B division:
 Carousel (J. Clark) 1 and fastest;
 Manfred 2; Sybil 3. Cherubs:
 Victory (G. Gaunt) 1 and fastest;
 Julie Anne 2; Nefertiti 3. Mud-
 larks: Hi Hi (J. Thomas) 1; Red
 Devil 2; Lil-Tom 3; Flipper (G.
 Moore) fastest.

From the time locker - above: a blast from the past: January 1970 ... recognise any names?

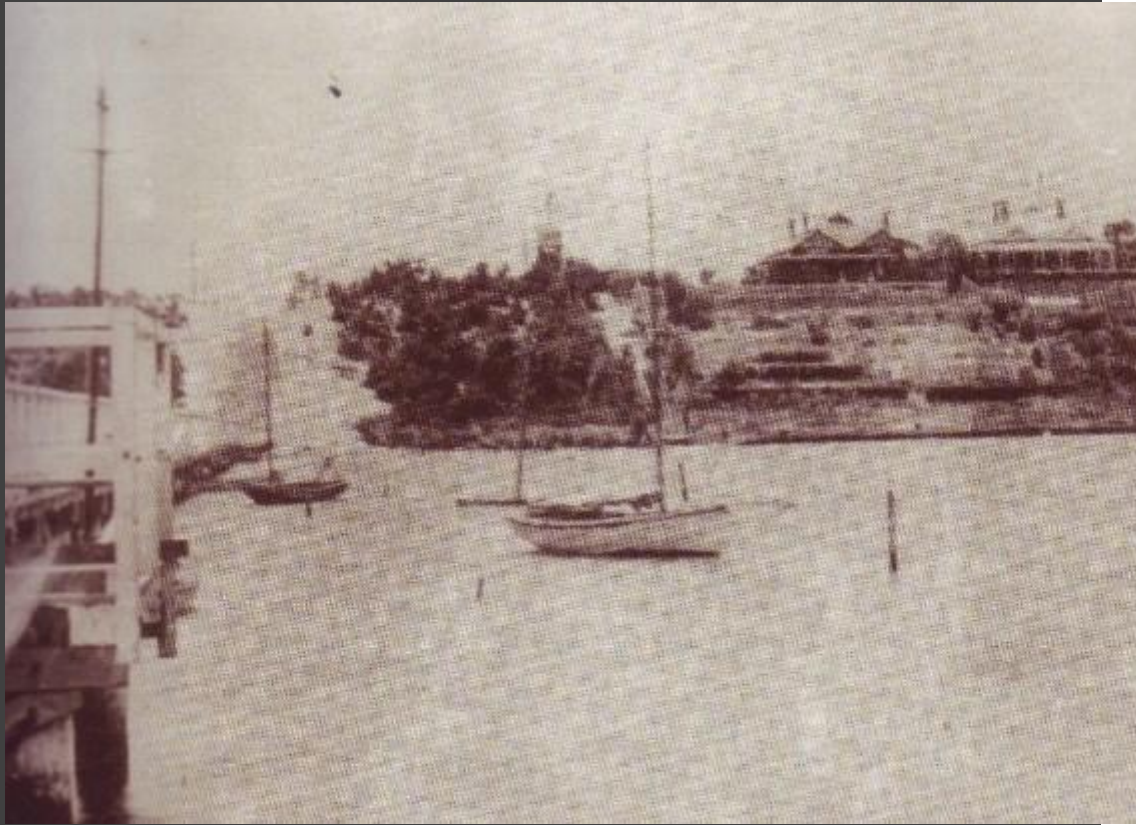
Thanks to Mike Wilcox who found this old paper when pulling up some old carpet at his place!

Picture below - Maylands jetty, view looking north - in 1925

Thanks to Terry Gaunt Snr for the following information:

The yacht in the foreground belonged to my uncles, Jack and Kevin McEvoy.

The two houses in the photo are still there. The one on the left belonged to the Johnson family. The one on the right belonged to my Grandparents and they were built in 1902.



Reminders - Season Ending Calendar of Events

Some important dates for your diaries :

1. Informal short races for attendees will be held on **the last two Sundays in April** starting at 2pm - come along for some final summer season sailing if the weather holds out.
2. Our season end celebratory dinner will be held on **Saturday the 6th May at 6.30pm**. All sailors and their families are invited. Certificates for the Learn to Sail trainees will be awarded, along with other general club participants awards. This is always a fun night, with entertainment for the kids and a super cheap bar for the adults.
3. The first Winter race day will be held on **Sunday 7th May at 1pm - NOTE THE EARLIER START TIME** and bring your own food and drink - the bar is closed. Also note this is the day immediately after the Presentation night **and we also need busy**

bee volunteers to attend on this morning to help with the removal of our permanent marks.



**Don't miss this Laser bargain -
now heavily reduced**

LASER FOR SALE

Laser 156740 'Back' Full rig, turbo kit, has training and racing sail, new dolly as well as some spare foils and spars. Always stored undercover. All lines less than 3 seasons old.

Ed - Boat pictured is for illustration purposes only and bears no resemblance to either Mike or his boat!!

\$1,200

Contact Mike Wilcox 0427198222



SABRE FOR SALE

We have a potential new club member who wants to join with a Court 650 trailer sailer - a 22 footer with retractable keel - it launches in 2 feet of water, he says. Sounds ideal for Maylands!

He also owns a Mirror and a very tidy Sabre - and he has been told by his wife that the latter boat is now for sale.

I know this boat's history, it is a fibreglass boat with new timber decks in good condition.

Paul Jenner is the owner and he (and his wife!) sound keen to sell, so I suggest anyone looking for a fibreglass Sabre should call him asap on 0412 931 614.

The boat (according to Paul) is in great condition, has a beach dolly with good tyres, mast, boom and sail are all in good condition too. Boat number is 1007, for those James Bond fans.

Trailer in picture is not part of the deal unless you want to buy the fully licenced trailer separately.

Paul was asking \$2,000 - he has now agreed to sell it in to Maylands Yacht Club to a member at well below his cost - **for only \$1,500.**

It is not a fleet beater, being over minimum weight, but it is a good honest first boat for budding Sabre rattlers..

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Your opportunity knocks.....



Minnow and Laser For Sale

Minnow
'Spellbound'
\$900ono



Laser
\$1500ono



Both boats currently stored at Maylands Yacht Club

Contact Candi Debattista on 0488 606 776 or candi.deba@gmail.com



The Editor and his huge support staff are taking a winter break. Over winter, my overworked support staff will be checking the mailing list against the treasurers paid financial membership. That means, if you do not renew your MYC membership or join up from September this year, this may be the last newsletter you will be able to enjoy and I know you enjoy them!! So if you are reading this, and you are not a paid up member, check out the membership levels available on the MYC website at the link below, and sign up as an Associate Member (at least):

<http://www.maylandsyachtclub.org.au/membership.html>

We hope to still see some keen sailors at the Club on the first Sunday each month over winter, even if only to drop down and see who is mad enough to brave the cold and/or light winds.

STOP PRESS ----- See you all at the Club Wind-Up and/or next October when we are planning to issue a fortnightly Mudlark to keep members right up to date with the latest news!

Ed.