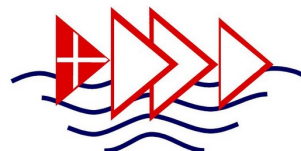


# The Muppler

Winter 2022

Jack Woods sailing his Impulse On a Whim in a breezy club race



Albert Sailing Club Inc.

# EDITORIAL

*Madeline Paul*

I would like to start by thanking Rod Thomas, our new (returning) Commodore, who contributed most of the content for this edition. We are also seeking sailing related articles, reports and photos from members and friends of ASC for the next edition, with the closing date being end of August.

This edition highlights the wonderful volunteers we have at ASC who make events such as the Regatta possible and who contribute to the ongoing running of the club. Thank you! It is also always a special sight to see the championship trophies awarded that are named after my father and grandfather. Congratulation to all of the trophy winners mentioned on the following pages.

I hope you enjoy this edition of the Mudpuddler. Stay well and happy reading!

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## CLUB COMMUNICATIONS

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## 2022-23 ASC COMMITTEE

Office	Name	Office	Name
Commodore	Rod Thomas	Committee	Don McKenzie
Vice Commodore	Greg Ryan		Peter Bennell
Rear Commodore	[Vacant]		Graeme Blunt
Immediate Post Commodore	Cindy Tilbrook		Steve Dunn
Secretary	Tim Falkiner		Bettina Azzopardi
Treasurer	Joe Chircop		Madeline Paul
Club Captain	Paul Farrell		

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## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Frequently asked questions from Current and New Members are provided under the FAQ tab under the top level "The Club" tab on [www.albertsc.org.au](http://www.albertsc.org.au). The FAQ's cover subjects such as: club duty requirements; access to the Lake; car parking; boat racking; key to the club, car parking, bringing visitors to the club; and use of club training boats.

# COMMODORE'S REPORT

Rod Thomas

Greetings Members and friends.

At the club's annual general meeting in May the Commodore's batten was passed from our retiring Commodore Cindy Tilbrook to myself (Rod Thomas) for the 2022/23 club year. I have had this role previously (for 3 years from 2012 to 2015) and look forward to working with the club's committee and its members in the advancement of our club and our enjoyment of sailing on Albert Park Lake.

## ***Our Winter Sailing Season so far***

July is the middle month of our Albert Sailing Club winter season. This year we have been able to return to a full schedule after two years disrupted by COVID related lockdowns and restrictions. We have had combined ASC/APYC club races each Saturday, other than for the June long weekend. Two major winter season highlights have been the ASC Top of the Lake Regatta sailed on the weekend of 25 and 26 June, and the VIODA winter training program on Sunday afternoons for junior Optimist class sailors from Greater Melbourne and surrounds. The Regatta and VIODA training programs are the subject of reports and photos in this Mudpuddler.

Participation numbers in club races have generally been down from pre 2020 levels, mostly at around 20 to 30 boats between the two clubs. A little higher on days where the weather is favourable and lower when unfavourable. The participation level is probably not surprisingly given that Melbourne has had a cooler than average couple of months; the city and people living in it are in a post lockdown/heavy restrictions recovery mode; and there are significant people battling on with COVID flu symptoms and/or other health issues for themselves or others. There are also more people getting away to country Victoria or interstate.

While numbers sailing have been lower the numbers involved in duty crews and support roles on sailing days has held up well. Thanks to those who have been performing these essential roles, and to Ron Lackington who continues to manage the duty roster and support those who make contact with him when unavailable. As a reminder if you become unavailable, as a first step check the Roster in last Mudpuddler and try to contact someone else on another date to organise a swap, and as a second step contact the Race Officer for your rostered day.

With respect to our 'playing arena' we have seen improvements in the condition of Albert Park Lake in the May and June period. After a dry first few months in 2022 there was average rainfall in May into June, such that the Lake was close to its full level at the end of June and should continue to be full or close to full for the remainder of the year. The Parks Victoria's contractor for Aquatic Weed cutting in the Lake has undertaken significant cutting in Lake Sailing areas over a three week period in the second half of June. The Commodores/Presidents of the Lake sailing and rowing clubs continue to correspond and meet with Parks Victoria to seek sustainable improvements in the condition of the Lake and Lake surrounds including the lake walls and the treatment ponds.

## ***Annual General Meeting***

The club's Annual General Meeting was held in our clubrooms on Saturday 14th May. Detailed Committee and Treasurer's Reports for 2021/22 were presented and are available on the club website under the Club tab. They show that the club continues to be active and is in a sound financial position after two years disrupted with lockdowns and restrictions.

Nominations for 2022/23 ASC general committee were considered and approved at the AGM.

Cindy Tilbrook completed a three year stint as Commodore and moved to Immediate Past Commodore. Rod Thomas was appointed to the position of Commodore. Greg Ryan moved into the Vice Commodore role. We are also pleased to welcome Madeline Paul and Bettina Azzopardi as new committee members. Maddy is a third generation club member and committee member following in the footsteps of granddad Bernie and her father Julian. Bettina joined the club for a Learn to Sail program in early 2021. Both Maddy and Bettina frequent the club and have been developing their sailing skills in club Zests.



# COMMODORE'S REPORT

Rod Thomas

## **New Life Member**

At the 2022 AGM Cindy Tilbrook was made a Life Member of the Club in recognition of her active role as a key committee member and club member over a ten year period.

Notably Cindy:

- Was club Treasurer 2012 - 2015 and has mentored and assisted three club Treasurers since.
- Researched and implemented the "Wild Apricot" online membership and event management system in 2014, a system which we continue to use today and for which she is the club's principal Subject Matter Expert.
- Was the organiser of the Club's successful 70 years Anniversary function in 2018 and most of our social activities since - Trivia Nights, Xmas breakups, Twilight Sail BBQ's.

Cindy has for the 3 years to May 2022 been a very active and effective ASC Commodore. In this period she has also been the chief organiser and Race Officer for our annual club regattas, and a key member of the sub-committee which worked on unification with APYC until it was paused in 2021.

## **2021/22 Club Member of the Year**

At the AGM Steve Dunn was announced as Club Member of the Year for 2021/22. Steve has been an active member of Albert Sailing Club for over 20 years, regularly sailing a succession of Impulse class boats and supporting and assisting other sailors, particularly Impulse sailors.

For the seven years till May 2022, Steve has been an active club committee member as the Rear Commodore overseeing the club's Sailing program. He has for the last three years been operating our Top Yacht results system which tracks entries and produces results for club races, series, and regatta results with assistance from a couple of other long term members. In early 2022, Steve was called in as the SME to assist with results for the Top of Bay Interclub Regatta at Altona.

Steve has been involved in a range of other tasks on an ad hoc basis including: sourcing and installing the ASC webcam, updating our club honour boards, and the manufacture of high quality wooden rudder blades for ASC's Quest and Zest boats.

## **Club Committee and Non-Committee Roles**

There are a couple of vacant committee positions for 2022/23. The club committee has the power to co-opt members to join the committee.

Allocation of people to club committee and non-committee tasks was addressed at the May and June club committee meetings. If you are available and interested in taking up a committee role or assisting in a non-committee role in an on water or off water capacity, speak to the Commodore or a club committee member.

Specific areas where further member involvement would be welcome includes:

- Powerboat operations, race management on club race days
- Sailing instructors
- Mentoring and assistance to new members
- Recruitment of new members.
- Communications and club promotion
- Club social activities
- Database setup and management, website development, race results management
- Clubhouse and boatyard maintenance

## **Perpetual Trophies for 2021-22**

The winners of our annual Perpetual Trophies for the shortened 2021 - 2022 season (essentially November to April) were announced and presented on 14th May prior to the Annual General Meeting.

### **Perpetual Trophy Winners**

**Overall Champion – Bill Larkins Trophy**  
Paul Farrell

**Bernie Paul over 45 Champion**  
Ron Fergusson

**Most Improved Junior**  
Nigel Leishman

**Bill Hooper Series** - Not awarded due to Government COVID lockdown in September 2021

**Commodore's Series**  
Jonathan Pulham

**Laser Class Champion**  
Phillip Gardyne

**Sabre Class Champion**  
Ian Coleman

**Impulse Class Champion Julian Paul Memorial**  
Paul Farrell

# ASC PERPETUAL TROPHY WINNERS 2021/22



**Most Improved Junior**  
Nigel Leishman



**Overall Club Champion**  
Paul Farrell



**Bernie Paul over 45 Champion**  
Ron Fergusson with Steve Dunn



**Laser Class Champion**  
Phillip Gardyne with Steve Dunn

# ASC'S TOP OF THE LAKE REGATTA

Rod Thomas

There was a good turnout of sailors, volunteer crew and spectators for our club's annual Top of the Lake Regatta on Saturday 25th (pm) and Sunday 26th June. The annual regatta has been held in June over many years, but this was the first for four years after cancellations in 2019 due to low water levels in the Lake, and in 2020 and 2021 due to government COVID restrictions.

On **day one** a good fleet of 50 boats sailed three races on the Saturday afternoon. The fleet consisted of boats from the two Lake sailing clubs, and visitors from a number of other Melbourne clubs, with an Impulse from Bendigo and a Sabre from Westernport. The North - North Westerly winds, mainly in the range 5 to 15 knots, with a few stronger gusts, kept the sailors and the race management crews alert.

**Day two** saw less favourable sailing conditions for the 30 starters with mainly 0 to 5 knot winds, and some patches of drizzle. The race management crew did well to get in two races, which with five for the weekend allowed a worst race drop.

The Overall Top of the Lake winner for senior classes was the Impulse class winner Johnathon Pulham, and for junior classes Acklin in his Optimist.

The sailors and their support crews were very appreciative of the efforts of the Regatta Organiser and Race Office Cindy Tilbrook, and the 25+ volunteers who made for a well run and enjoyable weekend on and off the water. The ASC volunteer group were grateful for the assistance of Alison and Rob from Elwood both days and two RHIB crews from Albert Park Yacht Club on Saturday.

## Regatta Class Trophy Winners (minimum of 3 entries)

Class	Rank	Name	
Impulse	1	Jonathan Pulham	APYC
	2	Russell Denholm	Bendigo YC
	3	Paul Farrell	ASC
Sabre	1	Geoff Saliba	ASC
	2	Stephen Magner	APYC
	3	Pam Webster	ASC
RS Aero	1	Ron Fergusson	ASC
Laser	1	Chris Thorpe	Mordialloc SC
Optimist	1	Acklin Sten	Mt Martha YC
	2	Caspar Thompson	Black Rock YC
	3	James O'Connor	Davey's Bay YC

Other classes represented in the Regatta by 1 or 2 entrants: Solo, OK, Pacer, RS Zest, Laser 4.7, Miracle, and Minnow.

Full Results by class are on <https://results2.albertsc.org.au/>.

# ASC'S TOP OF THE LAKE REGATTA 2022



Jonathan Pulham and Acklin with Commodore Rod Thomas



*Thank you to the members and volunteers who contributed these photographs*

# VICTORIAN OPTIMIST ASSOCIATION (VIODA)

## WINTER TRAINING PROGRAM

*Rod Thomas*

This winter, the Victorian International Optimist Dinghy Association (VIODA) is conducting its 7th season of winter training at Albert Sailing Club on most Sunday afternoons in the winter months. Junior sailors from Melbourne, Mornington, and Bellarine Peninsula clubs participate in the program with some driving 2 hours one way to sail with fellow Optimist sailors in this once-a-year program of weekly training for the VIODA group.

This year 40 junior sailors participated in the Block One training program from mid May to mid June, split across Victorian state team, Open, Intermediate and Green fleets.

Five of Victoria's best instructors for junior sailors have been coaching each week led by the Sorrento SCBC training manager and head coach, Dave White, with a focus on skill development and enjoyment for the participating juniors. Additionally, the VIODA committee have programmed other shore based activities at ASC for the Victorian Optimist sailing community across the 3 months program, including Mother's and Father's Day tea parties, sausage sizzles, and a Buy Swap and Sell event.

The Block 2 VIODA training program is being sailed from ASC on seven consecutive Sunday afternoons 1pm to 4pm from 17 July to the end of August. A number of the State team members will be absent as they will be overseas testing their skills in international regattas. Aidan Simmons, the Australian Optimist Champion in 2021 and 2022, is in the five boat Australian team competing in the Optimist World Championship in Turkey in early July. This is a big event with a fleet of 286 junior sailors from 60 countries. Aidan's brother Callum, and one or two other Victorians, are sailing European Optimist Championships, of similar participant numbers, in Denmark in early August.

The VIODA winter program hosted by Albert Sailing Club for the last seven years is a much valued and enjoyed program for participants, instructors and support crew families. Albert Sailing Club has had up to six juniors in this program each year since its inception. This year we have just three juniors from families with ASC memberships who sail with us for the winter season. We need to encourage and support the development of juniors sailing Optimists at Albert Sailing Club and for them to be involved in next year's program.



*Photographs sourced from VIODA Facebook page*



# JUNIOR SAILORS HEADING OFF TO OVERSEAS WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

*Rod Thomas*

There are two juniors members of ASC families heading overseas to sail in World youth Laser (ILCA) class championships.

Hamish Gilsenan and his dad Jon are off to sail in the ILCA 6 (mid size rig Laser Radial) Youth Worlds in Houston Texas in the last week of July. There are 5 Australian junior sailors competing in a fleet of 212 from 35 countries.

Riley Cantwell and his dad Christian are travelling to the ILCA4 (smaller sized rig, Laser 4.7) World Youth Championships to be sailed in Portugal in late August. There are 15 Australians entered (8 males, 7 females) including three from Victoria, with 437 entries from 44 countries.

The two youth Laser world championships are two of the four biggest and most prestigious events for junior sailors in the World this year - the other two being the multiclass World Youth Championships, and the Optimist World Championships for younger junior sailors. Hamish, and Riley have been training hard for the Laser events over the last few months. We wish them and the other Australians entrants all the best and look forward to their progress and to post event reports.



**Hamish sailing his Laser in training on Port Phillip**

# UPCOMING AT ASC IN SPRING 2022

ASC Committee

The club committee has planning underway for the Spring season commencing from the start of September. Make room in your diaries and plans to come to our club for visits and hopefully sailing in the warmer Spring months.

Full details of events and activities will be provided in weekly Thursday Snippets posts and Saturday pre race Information Sessions.

## Activities currently being planned at ASC for Spring 2022

Event	Date	Details
Rigging and Coaching Clinic	Saturday 3 September	In the am, rigging and coaching clinic for members sailing own boat or club boat.
Bill Hooper Racing	Saturday 3 and Sunday 17 September	Bill Hooper short course racing program in the pm.
Regatta	Saturday 10 and Sunday 11 September	City Sail Coaching and Racing Regatta from Albert Park Yacht Club for women and girls, with advanced, intermediate and beginners groups. Use own boat or an ASC Zest or Optimist.
School Holiday Sailing Day	Wednesday 28 September	
Discover Sailing Public Open Day	Sunday 23 October	Return of annual Public Open Day. Invite family and friends to come down to club with options of sailing, kayaking and socialising. Volunteers will be needed.
Club Sailing	October till 10 December	Club sailing days with club race each Saturday.
Learn to Sail Program	October and November	Learn to Sail program in October, mainly on two Sundays for Adults and Youth. Also program from Sunday 6 November. Programs on Albert Park Lake with Australian Boatshed instructors. Program details on Learn to Sail tab of <a href="http://www.albertsc.org.au">www.albertsc.org.au</a> .
Social Events	To be confirmed	Social Sailing days, Twilight Sails, Trivia Night and Christmas Breakup social to be programmed in.



# CHILD SAFETY AT ASC

*ASC Committee*

Albert Sailing Club has been and will continue to be a Child Safe Organisation. We want all members and visitors to encourage children to have fun and feel safe in a child-friendly environment.

Victoria has introduced a revised set of Child Safe Standards, to be implemented by all clubs and organisations which deal with children, from 1 July 2022. The Albert Sailing Club committee has

commenced a review of its policies, procedures and practices to comply with these standards which is being led by Don McKenzie with support from Jack Woods. Members are strongly encouraged to read and consider the updated **Albert Sailing Club Child Safety Standards Statement** which has been uploaded onto the Club section of our club website [www.albertsc.org.au](http://www.albertsc.org.au).

# NEW CLUB DECKING

*ASC Committee*

In late June we engaged a contractor to replace the aged wooden decking and bearers of the aged decking on the first floor of our clubrooms. A synthetic composite decking has been used, which requires minimal maintenance and is ecologically more sound. The result looks good and is a big improvement on what we had.



**New club decking facing South across the lake**

Other significant maintenance actions have included: replacing one of the cisterns in the women's toilets; installation of fluorescent lights on the back stairs; removal or changes to locks for Galley and outside decking; repairs to a couple of RHIB trolleys, and six monthly checks of smoke alarms, fire extinguishers and hoses.

Thanks to those involved in organising or in some cases undertaking these and other maintenance actions.

If there is anyone who has painting or sign writing skills we are looking for a person or persons to "spruce up", update and possibly replace a number of the clubs external signs. Contact the commodore if you can assist ([commodore@albertsc.org.au](mailto:commodore@albertsc.org.au)).

# FIRST AID

*ASC Committee*

The club has recently taken delivery of a new Defibrillator which can be used for revival of a person who is at Albert Sailing Club or nearby who has a medical episode where they have had a sudden cardiac arrest and is unresponsive. The defibrillator is located in a small cabinet downstairs in clubrooms. It was purchased through a grant from Parks Victoria. It can be used by a person who becomes involved in managing an unresponsive person, where CPR is deployed.

A two day equivalent first aid course (1 day face to face and several hours online) and a half day CPR course is planned for Albert Sailing Club in mid September. Our training instructors and a number of club committee members will be attending. There are some subsidised places available for other club members. Contact Rod via [training@albertsc.org.au](mailto:training@albertsc.org.au) if you are interested.



# CHANGES TO AUSTRALIAN SAILING'S PERSONAL ACCIDENT INSURANCE

*Rod Thomas*

A News item posted on the Australian Sailing website on Friday 1 July 2022 outlines updates to coverage and claims process for financial members of Australian Sailing affiliated clubs when participating in club sailing races and Discover Sailing Centre training activities.

# Winter Duty Roster 2022

**RO & CREW: Please be at club on duty day by 11 a.m.**

**If your date is not convenient please arrange a swap with another member Albert Sailing Club**

<p align="center"><b>ASC ANNUAL REGATTA</b> Saturday/Sunday June 25, 26</p> <p align="center"><b>Plus WINTER CHAMPIONSHIP 4</b></p> <p align="center"><b>Volunteers Welcome Enquires to Flag Officers</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>Saturday, August 6</b>      <b>APYC Start</b> <b>WINTER HANDICAP Heat 6</b></p> <p><b>RO Ian Skinner (pbl)</b>      0499 605 108 <b>Crew Jim Glover (pbl)</b>      0468 354 997 Graeme Blunt (pbl)      0417 311 295 Ian Coleman      0417 744 456 Diane Moloney      0458 345 974</p>
<p align="center"><b>Saturday, July 2</b>      <b>APYC Start</b> <b>WINTER HANDICAP Heat 4</b></p> <p><b>RO John Whelan (pbl)</b>      0414 251 669 <b>Crew Mark Snell (pbl)</b>      0407 569 083 Steve Milton (pbl)      0425 719 124 Byron Ko      0410 546 088 Michael Black      0405 794 516</p>	<p align="center"><b>Saturday, August 13</b>      <b>ASC Start</b> <b>WINTER CHAMPIONSHIP Heat 7</b></p> <p><b>RO Paul Farrell (pbl)</b>      0419 133 641 <b>Crew David Scammell (flg) (pbl)</b>      0408 003 166 Jaemie Wilson (pbl)      0420 362 573 Kevin Orpin      0426 758 379</p>
<p align="center"><b>Saturday, July 9</b></p> <p align="center"><b>No Sailing at ASC</b></p> <p align="center"><b>APYC Junior and Youth Regatta</b> <b>To be run over 3 days</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>Saturday, August 20</b>      <b>APYC Start</b> <b>WINTER HANDICAP Heat 7</b></p> <p><b>RO Steve Dunn (pbl)</b>      0408 594 636 <b>Crew Anthony Berger (pbl)</b>      0413 651 345 Michael Gratton (pbl)      0414 271 876 Lindsay Berge      0412 287 333 David Reid      0479 157 500</p>
<p align="center"><b>Saturday, July 16</b>      <b>ASC Start</b> <b>WINTER CHAMPIONSHIP Heat 5</b></p> <p><b>RO Ron Fergusson (pbl)</b>      0410 492 091 <b>Crew Ron Lackington (flgs) (pbl)</b>      0421 788 145 Philip Gardyne (pbl)      0433 672 875 Keith Staite      0354 241 815</p>	<p align="center"><b>Saturday, August 27</b>      <b>ASC Start</b> <b>BILL HOOPER SERIES Heat 1 (Short Course)</b></p> <p><b>RO Cindy Tilbrook (pbl)</b>      0438 988 772 <b>Crew Ron Lackington (flgs) (pbl)</b>      0421 788 145 Geoff Saliba (pbl)      9807 8560 Simon MacDonald      0430 069 795 Helen Jenny (pbl)      0487 141 153</p>
<p align="center"><b>Saturday, July 23</b>      <b>APYC Start</b> <b>WINTER HANDICAP Heat 5</b></p> <p><b>RO Tony Schalken (pbl)</b>      0468 428 230 <b>Crew Chris Shields (pbl)</b>      0411 246 353 Pam Webster (pbl)      0400 241 815 Ingo Mueller      0475 182 811 Bill Rehill      9443 0089</p>	<p align="center"><b>Saturday, September 3</b>      <b>APYC Start</b> <b>BILL HOOPER SERIES Heat 2 (Short Course)</b></p> <p><b>RO Lesley Scott (pbl)</b>      0407 335 188 <b>Crew Arthur Misson (pbl)</b>      0490 183 073 Richard Rawlins (pbl)      0421 472 684 Stephen Tillman      0418 536 575 Greg Ryan      0418 321 632</p>
<p align="center"><b>Saturday, July 30</b>      <b>ASC Start</b> <b>WINTER CHAMPIONSHIP Heat 6</b></p> <p><b>RO Don McKenzie (pbl)</b>      0421 333 743 <b>Crew Ron Lackington (flgs) (pbl)</b>      0421 788 145 Jack Woods (pbl)      0419 541 802 Helen Faulkner (pbl)      0400 248 064</p>	<p align="center"><b>Saturday, September 10</b></p> <p align="center"><b>9am WORKING BEE at ASC</b></p> <p align="center"><b>APYC CITY SAIL</b> <b>September 10 and 11</b> <b>No Sailing at ASC</b></p>

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