

■ COMMODORE'S PAGE



Peter Hector

Before writing this report I thought I would look at what I had written for the December edition last year.

You can imagine the quiet chuckle I had when reading that I had said that last year's Opening Day provided us with a trial run should we ever be washed out again.

So again despite the weather our 2005 Opening Day was a very successful and I believe a happy and congenial affair for all of you who joined us at the Club.

This year we welcomed our new Vice Patron Commodore Richard Shalders who officially opened our season. It is important to remember that traditionally Opening Day represented the commencement of the new sailing season.

However with the continued growth and expansion of our Club it also heralds the start of a new season for all of our sections – Power, Dive, Angling, Bosun's, Cruising, Game Fishing, Duty Officers, Inshore and Offshore Sailing, Pipes and Drums and Juniors.

I extend to all of our members my best wishes for a safe and enjoyable summer season of sailing, boating and other on water activities.

The ongoing success of a Club such as ours is only as good as our membership base. We are fortunate in having strong and committed

Another Season – Another Summer in our Club and on the Water

members who are willing to support and maintain the diverse interests that are represented by all of our sections.

And the future of our Club is in good hands as our Junior section continues to grow and expand with a vibrant group of young members and their families.

We have celebrated the 25th anniversary of the Clubhouse this year and we have seen the major renovations to the Galley Restaurant completed. This facility has grown into an outstanding venue for our members and their guests, with an outlook that is unquestionably one of the best of any yacht club in Australia.

The Sunset Deck is now completely finished, and the children's playground is an added bonus for our young and not so young families who enjoy the wonderful ambience of our outdoor facilities.

I recently had the pleasure of hosting a family function which was planned around the playground, as we had about 15 young children in attendance. The overall response from the young mothers was one of joy and congratulations as they managed to sit and enjoy their lunch and a glass of wine without having to chase their charges all over the Club.

It was wonderful to see several young members and their families enjoying the facilities, this can only auger well for the future membership of the Club.

During the last month I have accepted with regret two resignations from the Board of Management, Wendy Campbell and Barry Bond. Both have resigned for personal reasons

and I would like to express our thanks to them for the contribution they made to the Board. Wendy has worked tirelessly as the editor of the Blue Water Bulletin and we will miss her enthusiasm and commitment.

As the year draws to a close I would like to take the opportunity of thanking all the staff under the leadership of General Manager Bruce Wallis for their contribution to the success of this year.

To the Board of Management my thanks for your ongoing support and for the work you all put in for the benefit of the Club. Special thanks to Vice Commodore Gary Webb for his continued assistance and support .

Thank you to the many volunteers who spend hours working on behalf of the members and the sections.

We have a busy time ahead and the Xmas season will see an influx of visitors to the Club with the stopover of the yachts and their crews in the Clipper Race.

Please extend to our visitors a warmhearted welcome to Fremantle Sailing Club, I am sure we will all enjoy the opportunity to make new friends and enjoy the excitement of the race and its associated activities.

I wish you all peace, joy and laughter as you share Xmas with your families and friends.

Looking forward to seeing you all in and about the Club.

Peter Hector
Commodore



Letter

Dear Lady Editor!

Currently cruising in Brazil, we have only JUST received our copies of BWB – yes, a year and a half's worth! We just HAD to write to congratulate you and your wonderful staff on the new format of such a professional publication. Not only are WE

impressed but so are the international cruisers, to whom we have been 'showing off'! I guess you wouldn't expect the magazine to be appreciated quite so far from home. The BWB is a great reflection on Fremantle Sailing Club and we feel proud to be members of such an august body.

Please pass on our best wishes to all fellow members who may still remember us – well, it

has been three years and a half since we left FSC for a cruise to the Kimberley...!

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