

Commodore's Column – May 2019

It has been a couple of months since my last report. During that time I have been for a trip to Japan and quite a lot has happened around our Club.

Openings and closings

The middle of May was a busy period at the Club with Power Opening Day on Saturday 11th May, followed by Mothers' Day on Sunday 12th then Sail Prize night on Saturday 18th. Thanks to the organisers and participants. These were three successful events.

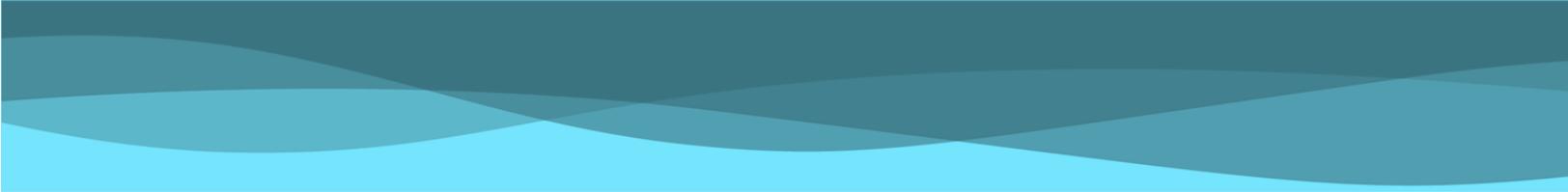
Paul Hodgson reported on the Power Opening Day (the start of the Club's winter season) in the Midstream two weeks ago. I can only reiterate Paul's comments – it was a magic day with a pleasing number of boats joining in the sail past, fantastic participation in the first time trial on the 2019 season and a very good turn-out for presentations in the Clubrooms afterwards. Congratulations to Paul and the Power Committee and thank you to Garrick Stanley for providing Ocean Magic to host our VIPs. However, the final thank you has to go to the Swan River dolphins who performed in and around the Club's marina all afternoon and kept visitors transfixed and entertained.



The Sail and Dinghy Prize Night on 18th May was another well run and well received event. Thanks to Walter Reeves (RC Dinghies) and Richie Boykett (RC Sail) for their organisation prior to the event and thanks, particularly to Richie, for ensuring the event ran smoothly on the night. Congratulations to all of the trophy winners. I look forward to seeing all of our sailors competing at the Club again next summer. During the presentations, Richie outlined his plans to increase the competition for our keelboats, I trust that with the support of the Sailing committee and members this plan will come to fruition.

Volunteer award to Peter Stanley

On Wednesday 22nd May, I attended the Volunteer Appreciation Function at the Town of Claremont. The purpose of the function was to recognise volunteers who had been nominated by community groups from within the Town. There were many nominees recognised at the event in the four categories that were awarded. I am pleased to report that Claremont Yacht Club Life Member, Peter Stanley took out the Town of Claremont award for "Senior Volunteer of the Year". Congratulations to Peter. I am sure that receiving this award will not herald the end of Peter's contributions as a



significant volunteer for the progress of our Club. (A separate article in this Midstream reveals more details of Peter's history as a volunteer at Claremont Yacht Club)

Progress with A Jetty pens.

The refurbishment of A jetty is progressing well and we are onto the second phase of this project. Boats have been moved into the first phase to allow the contractor access to the second phase.

The contractor will finish installing piles and finger jetties by mid-June. When the contractor has finished, our Bosun will attach fenders and decking to the finger jetties before boats are moved into these pens. However, there will still be ongoing work to install additional water and power to ensure that there is tap and a power socket available for each pen.

No boats have yet been permanently allocated to the A jetty pens, consequently, the boats in these pens are secured with temporary mooring lines. When the Pens and Moorings committee has finalised their allocations, all boats will be required to be properly secured as described in the Boating Accommodation Guide.

Coming events

Lloyd Anderson Marathon time trial will be run in less than 2 weeks on Sunday 9th June. This is our Club's premier power boat event which will attract dozens of competitors from other Clubs along the river. This event is a must for the Club's time trial competitors, however, all Club members are encouraged to come to the Club and watch the event, maybe "phone a friend" and join a competitor on the water for the morning. Even if you can't get down to the Club for the Lloyd Anderson event, I encourage you to come to the Club for the luncheon and celebrations afterwards.

Our annual Christmas in July buffet is scheduled for Wednesday 24th of July. Keep your eyes on the Midstream newsletter for details and book early to avoid disappointment.

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