



Lifetime memories – Lifelong skills

Walpole Yacht Club

Commodore's Introduction
New Committee
Outline of events
Our Goals

Sept 2015

My name is Maree Pickett, I have recently taken on the role as Commodore of the WYC - accepting the position with much excitement which only grew when a strong Committee of old and new were nominated. Our Committee thanks all past Committees and members for their dedication and role in sustaining the WYC since 1956. This continual commitment allows us to be here today – a sincere thankyou to you all.

We encourage the members of our community and beyond to join the club as either an active or social member.

Members have access to our facilities, equipment, programs and extensive knowledge base of the waterways.

The club's priority has always been to create a welcoming social family environment in combination with

an all ages, genders and abilities race season.

Please contact any of our WYC Committee to discuss club events, sail programs, training available, projects and developments. The Committee is acting on past and new initiatives, following strategic goals and creating exciting new opportunities.

WYC Committee

Maree Pickett	Commodore
Ian Tarbotton	Vice Commodore
Tracy Hardiman	Secretary
Ian Payton	Treasurer

Members

Leah Elston	Sarah Walker
Tim Gamblin	Penny Bird
Trevor Holm	Tom Pickett
Edward Roocke	

Summer Race Program

Currently we operate a four (4) month race season with competitors ranging in ages from 10yrs to 81yrs. *The season runs December through to March.*

The race course and races will be called on the day (wind and weather), selected from a 7.2km, 7.5km or 10.5km course using many existing markers within the Nornalup and Walpole Inlets. Race times will vary in duration between 1.5 and 3 hours. Vessels will be handicapped on the day determined by the selection of boats racing. Races will start approximately 1pm Sundays.

Younger children have access to training fleet to be sail at Coalmine Beach.

WYC has 10 kayaks stored at the club which are available for use by members and non-members (non-

members are asked to make a small donation to the club). We will be developing kayaking trails within the Nornalup and Walpole Inlets and Frankland and Deep Rivers. Providing information on best conditions, distance, paddling times, and highlights of the trail. This will provide local knowledge to both our community and visitors, encouraging people to utilise our beautiful waterways.



Walpole In the Trees Regatta

Again the WYC and our Walpole Community are looking forward to running the "2016 Walpole In the Trees Regatta". This is an open class sailing event where everyone is able to participate. The Moths Class came back to hold their state titles again in 2015 as part of this event. We have had huge success in running this event and look forward to making it a bigger and better event in 2016.



Club Facilities

In the immediate future the club will widen and extend the existing rock wall and breakwater along the front of the clubrooms in response to an engineering report. This will secure and aid the protection of the premises from wave action, allowing us to operate here for many years to come.

The club facility will be refurbished to provide a premises that can be used by many for varied purposes, for both water based activities and activities beyond this. Basic maintenance such as external and internal painting, opening up the undercover outdoor area and installing new kitchen appliances, heating and a hot water system.

This will extend the functionality of the premises to be used by individuals, families, clubs, groups, and youth.

Member Youth Coach Training

The club is sponsoring interested club juniors over the age of 14 in undertaking accredited dinghy instructor and coaching courses - following the Yachting Australia Coaching Pathways.

Walpole Boat Park

Currently the club is in consultation with the Shire of Manjimup to secure a lease on land at the Walpole Town Jetty Precinct. The site would be developed as a boat parking facility providing local and regional boat owners a secure location to store a vessel. Locals to have their yachts rigged up throughout the sailing season

allowing for a quick and safe entry to the waterways.

Training Fleets

Our training fleet consists of Mudlarks, Optimists and 420's. We are currently looking for a windrush/hobie or two in good condition to add to the fleet, as this is an ideal vessel for small groups to sail.

Any enquiries and all suggestions are welcomed

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