



## Committee Report for 13/14 Annual Report

Committee	Trailable Yacht Division
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### Highlights

The highlights for the 13/14 year for the Trailable Yacht Division committee have been to;

- \* develop a training package for trailable yacht sailors,
- \* promote the traveller series including six events at venues across the state,
- \* conduct the 2013/14 Trailable state championships at Safety Beach Sailing Club,
- \* host a successful season opening dinner and discover sailing day in Docklands,
- \* promote various cruising events across Australia.

The committee meet monthly at the YV Boatshed at Albert Park where various trailable yacht associations and yacht clubs matters are considered.

The Season Opening dinner in October '13 included many sailing up to docklands and pre dinner refreshments dockside before about 80 people attended the opening dinner and participating in the Bob Couper memorial quiz. The following day had many trailable yacht associations contribute to the successful running of the Discover Sailing day with about 70 visitors taken out on the waters of Victoria Harbour at Docklands.

The successful running of the second Traveller Series was well attended by many trailable yacht owners and crews which was run across the state. The 2013/14 TYD Trailable Yacht Championships were hosted by Safety Beach Sailing Club who ran a successful event comprising six races to determine the winner for the year. Various class associations also integrated their state championships into the same event.

The TYD maintain a website allowing the consolidation of calendar which has many trailable yacht association and clubs listing their events.

The TYD also grew the success of the Sailing Seminar Series through winter providing interesting presentations at Albert Park, this was well attended on Friday nights often competing with Friday night football events.

Members of the TYD committee also contribute on many of the YV sub-committees.

### Challenges

An example of some challenges we have overcome has been to develop the trailable yacht syllabus to compliment the keel boat day sailer training package to be delivered under the discover sailing banner. This was a huge win in the recognition of the differences in trailable yacht requirements within the sailing community, especially in not being a keel boat.

Also the National Trailable Yacht and Sports Boat Rule committee, came under threat. The TYD had made the decision some years ago to endorse a national alignment of class based handicaps, which largely meant that Victorian CBH listings were adopted, thus eliminating the ambiguity for trailable yacht owners rolling up to interstate events to compete under differing CBH ratings. Credit to John Burgess in his commitment to this committee.

### **Looking Ahead**

Heading into 14/15 we aspire to continue the promotion of participation of trailer sailing to the community and support of affiliated clubs and associations through the traveller series events. The promotion of many cruising activities that many trailable yacht associations undertake, lessons learnt and reports on travel destinations.

Plans are well underway for the coming season's opening dinner and discover sailing day, the traveller season kicking off at Albury Woodonga Yacht Club in September, and state championships at Paynesville at Gippsland Lakes Yacht Club in March '14.

Also the promotion of the Trailable Yacht Division as the authority on trailable yacht matters.

### **Alignment**

Our work has aligned to YV's overall participation and club support focus through committee members involvement on many of the YV sub-committees, a strong commitment to the discover sailing program for promotion of sailing through open days and training, promotion of women in sailing and overall participation. With particular mention of the inclusiveness of interest in the increase to ten events in 2014/15 traveller series.

### **Thanks**

I would like to thank the TYD committee including Des Russell, Ron Parker, Paul Jenkins, John Burgess, Andrew Padgett, Ron Short, Rob Milner, Peter Shepard, Andrew Mackenzie, Phil Mannes, Chelsey Taylor and Wayne Hill for all their support.

Special thanks in recognising Ron Tormey, standing down this year after 20 years involvement on the committee and in particular the measurement subcommittee.

Also Collin Forster for his support with the traveller series and the administration of personal handicaps for all participants.

Also, recognise the support and efforts of various associations and yacht clubs for their support to make the past year a success.

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