



COMMODORE CLUB UPDATE

Dear Member,

I hope this message finds you well and that you've had a wonderful start to the new year. As we continue this exciting journey of club improvements together, I wanted to take a moment to update you on some significant developments within our club and share our plans for the upcoming months.

Opening of Lower Ground Floor Reception and Members Area

We're thrilled to announce that the lower ground floor members area, following the successful upgrade of the Harbourview Room, will be open just in time for the Sydney Harbour Regatta. This new space not only connects seamlessly with the Clubhouse but also offers an additional amenity under our club license. Members can now enjoy drinks from the Harbourview bar in this beautifully enhanced area.


The purpose of these improvements is to continue to make the Club a destination of choice for members, their crew and friends and to maximise the enjoyment of club facilities and boating activities whether racing, cruising and socially.

This upgrade aligns with our commitment to reinvest in club assets, ensuring that our members have access to top-notch amenities. Over the next twelve months, we will continue this reinvestment, focusing on improving member facilities to enhance your overall experience.

Kayak Relocation and Rigging Deck Transformation

To optimise our club's layout and cleanliness, plans are well underway to relocate the kayak tenant to the rigging deck in the next few weeks. This move includes the installation of a storage facility, streamlining access for kayak storage patrons via the rigging deck ramp. This not only cleans up the front of the club but also opens up exciting possibilities for the room currently occupied by the kayaks.

Club management is actively exploring options for the newly available space, aiming to maximise its potential and benefit the entire club community.



Strategic Shift: Youth and Adult Small Keelboat Sail Training Programme

The board has decided to cease the junior learn-to-sail program and reallocate resources to focus on a new youth and adult small keelboat sailing training. Thanks to the generous donations from Evan Hodge, Kelly Nunn-Clark, Andrew Hurt, and Guido Belgiorno-Nettis, the club has secured three Melges20 vessels to operate this program.

The programme, following the Australian Sailing keelboat training format, will be launched in late February to early March. This presents an incredible opportunity for our club to develop the sailing skills of our members and create a pool of competent crew for various club activities. Additionally, Club members will have the chance to hire the Melges20 vessels for twilight sailing, adding a new dimension to our sailing experiences.

It's crucial to highlight that the Club will maintain an active involvement with our Junior fleet, ensuring ongoing support for our young sailing members by providing on-water assets that allow the continuation of their training and development programmes.

Sailing Activity

It is great to see that the participation in the new Friday evening twilight series is increasing and the social BBQ arrangements are being enjoyed by all. The club is very keen to see as much participation as possible in the Club Sailing Program and is always interested in potential changes which will increase participation and enjoyment for our members and visitors.

Also a reminder that the Nautilus Marine Sydney Harbour Regatta on the 2nd and 3rd March is only a couple of weeks away and would be great to see more MHYC entries supporting this great event.

Social Activity

On the social front, we are actively working to engage our membership with an array of activities throughout the season. These events are designed to foster connections and make your time at the club even more enjoyable.

Regrettably, we had to move the date for the much-anticipated Barefoot Ball. While we had a good base of numbers, it wasn't at the level we envisioned for an event of this calibre. The new date provides us with a few more weeks to sell tickets and create the grand event that this night deserves. I encourage members who have not booked tickets to seize this opportunity and be part of a memorable evening.

Exciting times lie ahead for the Club, and we're eager to share these experiences with each of you. Your support and enthusiasm make our club a vibrant and thriving community, and we look forward to sailing into the future together.

I look forward to seeing you all on the water and enjoying the Club improvements.

Rob Aldis
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