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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hi everyone

2020 is in full swing. Our Wills Bend weekend was well attended with great weather and a lot of laid-back boating and socialising going on.

Then on to the Nagambie Challenge. Again a great turn out with plenty of competition and fun. The SSBOC came away victorious, taking home the trophy 38 points to 25 – a sensational result.

Next up we have our March Carrum Regatta – round two of the club championship, so dust off and regroup after all the Christmas season cheer, and get set to be there!!

Don't forget safety is first and ensure that your steering cables are in good nick and adjusted, your shaft and rudder lock collars are in place and tight, and especially check your fuel system from end to end for any sign of a leak – after the summer fun so far these things need checking!!

Congratulations to all our members that competed in this years' Southern 80 – it is so cool to see SSBOC members not just entering, but getting podium results, in this world renowned and iconic marathon ski race!

Roll on our March Regatta, and if not before – see you there on the 15th!

Jon Helmore



COMING EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	VENUE	STATUS
15 th MARCH	CARRUM REGATTA	WATER SPORTS CENTER	CONFIRMED
18 & 19 APRIL	MULWALA REGATTA	MAX KIRWAN SKI PARK, MULWALA	CONFIRMED
4 th JULY	PRESENTATION DINNER	OASIS CAMP. MT. EVELYN	CONFIRMED

SSBOC HONOUR BOARD

LIFE MEMBERS

CHARLIE TULL

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LEN RETALLICK

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LAURIE GLASS

CHRIS BOYLE

JEFF TULL

NEIL WILLIAMS

PRESIDENTS

83-84 LEN RETALLICK

91-93 ALLEN JONES

02-05 GREG SMITH

84-85 RON WILLIAMS

93-94 LAURIE GLASS

05-07 TONY GLASS

85-86 DOUG DATSUN

94-96 ANTHONY JONES

07-09 KEVIN GRECH

86-88 BOB ULHORN

96-97 ALLEN JONES

09-12 TREVOR CLANCY

88-89 RICKY DENNIS

97-98 NEVILLE BLAKE

12-14 NEIL WILLIAMS

89-90 GRAHAM RICHARDSON

98-99 ANTHONY JONES

14-16 CHRIS BOYLE

90-91 ALISTAIR MacLEAN

99-00 GREG WRIGHT

16-20 JON HELMORE

00-02 TONY GLASS

WILLS BEND

17th - 19th JANUARY

Well what a cracker of a weekend at Wills Bend #2. The weather was fabulous from Thursday to Sunday, for those that arrived earlier or left on Monday, they might have got a little wet. I arrived on Thursday evening and there were quite a few SSBoc Member's already with their camps set up, clearly the weekend isn't enough time at this magnificent spot.

Friday was sunny and warm and there were plenty of Woodies on the water towing Skier's, Knee Boarder's and Tube's and everyone was enjoying the conditions. Jaymi Clancy was showing us some of her awesome skills on a Swivel Ski, Summer Carne was also demonstrating her skills on the Disc, Nash was having a good go at the slalom Ski and Zahli managed to get up on the Plank after many tries, and skied back to the bank where she showed us a spectacular dismount. After a great day on the water it was time to



pack the boats away and catch with friends for a couple of drinks around the campfire. After heading back to my camp for some more refreshments, I thought riding Cooper's BMX back to the party would be a good idea..... It was not! Bernie's concern for my well being was touching as she asked "did anyone get that on video". I dusted myself off and made my way back, on foot this time only to be confronted by Ryan Bloody Box and a contraption called a Snorkel, everything after that was a little hazy, but what a great night with great people.

Saturday and more glorious weather for fun on the water, but the great weather meant there were more Wake Boats out messing up our water. Despite that another great day was had by all. Wills Bend is good for seeing things that you wouldn't normally expect to see. Who was the Life Member and staunch Seacraft lover seen Driving a Malibu, then riding a Jet Ski and also towing a Biscuit with his beloved boat, I promised I wouldn't tell who. Saturday night was a bit more subdued, I think people were tired after the previous night and another big day on the water. One particular person must have had a really busy day of skiing, the poor girl was so exhausted that she needed assistance just to get around, again I'm sworn to secrecy, I didn't mention her Dad's name above and I'm not going to mention hers!



BOATS ATTENDING.

CONQUISTADOR, BLOWN AWAY, BUTTER BOX, TRUE COLOUR, GYPSY, SHIFTY, DADDY O, TERMITE, MUDDY WATERS, SYNDICATE, DIDGERIDOO, ON FIRE, GREMLIN, THE OUTSIDER, ANOTHER RATBAG, RIPPER, BURNSWELL, JUSTWOOD.

Sunday arrived and there were some storms forecast for the afternoon but the morning was great and we all made the most of the conditions while they lasted. I was unlucky enough to run out of fuel in The Outsider while taking Willow and Maci for a ride. The Palmer's came past in the Malibu and were good enough to tow me back to the sand bar, I asked if they could go back and get a Woody to tow me< they refused and took full advantage of the photo opportunity. The storms seemed to be getting closer so we were all packing up and heading for the boat ramp, luckily I had Ratbag

there to tow The Outsider back to the boat ramp, which was going great right up to the point that Ratbag also ran out of fuel and we drifted to the bank. As my dear old Dad used to say "once is bad luck, twice is stupidity"



Most people packed up and headed home on Sunday afternoon and the storms never eventuated, they went around us and there wasn't any rain until early Monday morning. All in all I think everybody had a great weekend, I know I did and can't wait to do it all again.



This is Maci, Aubrey & Kade washing Pa's boat with Nappy Wipes.





The Greatest Ski Race in the World has once again been run and won with Superman taking out the outright honours. More importantly the SSBOC was again very well represented and well done to all who contested the great race. I will try and mention some of the highlights in no specific order, but please forgive me if I accidentally miss anyone.

The Rowley's have been busy over Winter since buying back their old V Drive (Drag On) and needed every minute to have it ready to race. With Geoff behind the wheel for his first ever drive at the Southern 80 and Mitch Rowley & Ryan Peel skiing, they did extremely well finishing 4th in Social and Expert.



The Clancy's, as always had a busy weekend, Lisa skied with Jake in SMOC Expert and finished 4th, Jake skied with a friend from New Zealand and finished 3rd in Under 16 Expert. Jaymi also had 2 80 km races on Sunday, finishing 2nd in Under 18 Girls Expert and 3rd in Under 16 Expert.

Leigh McDonald bought Sawdust to go racing with Daughter Tiarnee Brownney, while Backfire is waiting to be finished. It was 15 year old Tiarnee's first ever race and they did exceptionally well, coming home with the win in 60 mph Social. The scenes at the presentation were fantastic with, what seemed like half of the crowd wearing Sawdust Singlets.



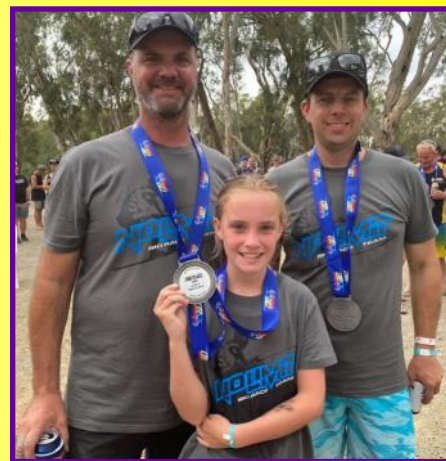
The Laffan's have been skiing at SSBoc Regatta's for a number of years now and they decided it was time to step up to the big stuff and go racing with The Laffanater. With Terry (Dad) behind the wheel and Daughter Jorja watching over Maddison and the fast improving Jack out the back. They did really well, finishing both day's mid field in their first ever Southern 80.



The Carne's had another busy weekend, Adam was busy driving Viper F2 in several races. Summer skied awesome for a Personal Best time in Under 16 Expert, finishing with a 4th Place. Ruby also skied great coming home 4th in Under 14 Social and toughed it out for her first non stop 80 k's in Under 14 Expert Girls, finishing 3rd. Curtis the Champ had a great ski in Under 10's and also finished with a personal Best Time.

The Bertram's, I've never seen a happier bloke towing his kid's, you couldn't wipe the smile off his face all weekend. With his trusted offsider / Observer, Cam Reid they had a great couple of days in No Limit. Abby Bertram had her first race ever (I think)

on Saturday and placed 2nd in Under 12 Social and backed up the next day with a 4th in Expert. Jackson also did very well with a 6th in Under 14 Expert on Sunday.



The Laub's had their fair share of drama on the weekend with some late night work on the Chief and maybe a last minute dash to Melbourne for parts. Darren told Kade he would tow him with The Chief this year and that he did, taking the win in Under 12 Expert and beating the record by 9 minutes. Tate again did really well finishing 2nd in Under 16 Expert behind Blown Cash.

Brodie Peel, skied behind Venom after their 2 skier's left to ski behind Drag On. Brodie competed in 70 mph finishing mid-field on both days.

The Grech's had an awesome weekend starting with a win in Open Women's Social /Dawn Rowbottom Memorial. With Jenn back behind the wheel of Peg Leg, after recent shoulder surgery and Dean keeping a close eye on Mel & Court, they flew home in 9.20, just 14 seconds off the race record. On Sunday Morning, after a couple of tense moments the team took off in Super Social. Mel & Court were the onle Female Skier's in a field of 11 starters and finished with a very respectable 5th place. Peg Leg's time for this run also won them the CLINT MIDDLETON TROPHY for the fastest Woody at the Southern 80. The whole team were very proud to be presented the Perpetual trophy by Tony & Rhonda Middleton. There may have been a few tears during the presentation.

I hope I haven't missed anybody, if so I do apologize. CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!







The SSBOC Charlie Tull Memorial Club Championship Trophy

*In memory of Charlie Tull – the father of
Seacraft*

*The SSBOC Charlie Tull Memorial Club Championship
Trophy will be presented to the club boat and her
owner(s) that have accrued the most points across
the three SSBOC Regattas in a season.*

General Rules:

Boat must belong to a financial, full club member(s)

If boat ownership changes, accrued points are retained by previous owner, but are not transferable to a new boat

If a boat runs more than once in a single event, only one run counts towards the boats' Championship points tally, and must be nominated on entry sheet – e.g. Boat-A-Kana

Boat can only run in designated class

Club Championship points only accrue in eligible boat class events

CHAMPIONSHIP LEADER BOARD AFTER ROUND 1- CARRUM DEC 2019

Place	Boat	Class	Leader board
1	Didgeridoo	6cyl MC	19
2	Drag On	6cyl SC	18
3	Gremlin	V6/V8 MM	16
4	Cracked 1	V Drive	13
5	Shifty	6cyl SC	11
6	Blown Away	V6/V8 MM	9
7	Daddy O	6cyl SC	9
8	The Outsider	V6/V8 MM	4
9	Conquistador	V6/V8 MM	3
10	Termite	V6/V8 MM	2
11	Another Ratbag	V6/V8 MM	1

NAGAMBIE CHALLENGE 2020

The day started well with sunshine and a good SSBOC turn-out. We had The Outsider, Gypsy, Team Seacraft, Muddy Waters, Stick It, Junk B4 and Conquistador, so had plenty of tow boats to keep things moving.



We competed in just about everything, with our juniors really winning the day. The highlight for me was the open women's where we cleaned up with Staci, Mel & Allison filling the podium.



The Nagambie Water Ski Club were great hosts and put on a magnificent BBQ lunch for everyone, and their idyllic river front club venue is to die for – so thank you to all at the NWSC!



Although the day finished with a mini tornado – I've never seen so much stuff flying about and everything get so totally drenched in just a few minutes! We are very thankful that no one was hurt and that no boats were damaged. Hats off to all from both clubs for taking it all their stride and helping clean up, pack up and run the gauntlet of all the downed trees on the road out.

A great day and best of all the SSBOC came home victors - 38 to 25. A job well done.





MULWALA REGATTA

A row of wooden speedboats is docked along a grassy shoreline. The boat in the foreground is dark brown with 'CRACKED' and a large yellow number '7' on its side. Other boats behind it have names like 'Distinct' and 'Seacraft' and numbers like 'DQ 525' and 'MQ 582'. The background shows a calm lake and a line of trees under a clear sky.

18th & 19th
APRIL

A group of people are standing on a grassy bank next to a lake. Several wooden speedboats are docked in the water. The boats have names like 'Seacraft 140', 'Syndicate', and 'Seacraft' on them. The scene is outdoors with trees in the background.

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CARRUM REGATTA

SUNDAY MARCH 15th

SET UP - 8.30AM

LAUNCH

LAUNCH - 9.00AM

BRIEFING - 9.15AM

FEE \$30

START - 9.30AM



BBQ LUNCH WILL BE AVAILABLE