

Our mission is to gather together Owners and Families of Seacraft, Syndicate Rivercraft or like timber vessels to use enjoy and preserve these craft in an organized safe group environment as defined by rules.

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NEWSLETTER PROUDLY SPONSORED BY SEMA GROUP

Presidents Report

Hi Everyone,

Since the last newsletter, we've had a Special General Meeting with the club to discuss the future of the club, in particular the future of The Echuca Regatta. It was voted in favour by the club to proceed to gather more information to continue with regattas. Following this, we had a meeting with Roads and Maritime Services (NSW), and Nautilus Marine Insurance to see what we can and can't do. We asked questions that were raised from the club special general meeting. There are notes elsewhere in this newsletter from this meeting. We are going to have another Special General Meeting with the club for an hour in the morning prior to the December 13th Carrum Regatta. This is to update the club with the latest information regarding new requirements, and to see if everyone is still in favour of going ahead with the Echuca Regatta. At this stage we haven't heard if we'll have similar problems at the Carrum Regattas

Some of the main changes will be:

Speed limits (65mph maximum speed)

Safety gear (race jackets, helmets, fire suits, etc. for everyone travelling more than 45mph)

Scrutineering of boats and equipment

Pre-entry. Entry 1 week minimum prior to events

Training for all

New rules. Rule book to be developed. As most of you are well aware, there will be a lot of extra work to be done, both before, and at regattas. There are officials needed. These officials need to take on the position and co-ordinate their helpers and record who does what and when. For example, if you were to take on the position of Rescue Boat Official, You would be in charge of controlling who and when your helpers are on stand-by, and briefing them on what their duties are.

Positions to be filled:

1. **Event co-ordinator.** Application for permit. Entrants briefing. Manage event. (1-2)
2. **Starter.** Start time trials. (2)
3. **Safety co-ordinator.** To develop a safety plan and to co-ordinate and manage safety issues. (1-2)
4. **Rescue boat official.** To manage rescue boat operators (+3 helpers)
5. **Announcer.** Call up next events, make announcements (2)
6. **GPS official.** Co-ordinate people to give out / take back gps's and record speeds (+3 helpers)
7. **Timing official.** Time events and record results. (+3 helpers)
8. **Clerks of course.** To make sure everything is safe and within rules x3
9. **Buoy boat co-ordinators.** To control, and brief buoy boat people (2)
10. **Buoy boat people.** To man buoy boats and control river open / closed. (24)
11. **Scrutineers.** To check safety of participants boats and equipment prior to events. (2+)

12. **Sweep boat official.** To sweep course at the time of river being closed. Particularly after other boats have passed through course. (1-2)
13. **Trailer official.** To transport trailer and co-ordinate set-up and pack-up at events. (+5 helpers)

Presidents Report Continued.

If you haven't already done so, don't forget to upgrade your boat insurance to include time trial cover if you want to compete in SSBOC time trials. You also need \$10 million legal liability cover and skier cover. Proof of cover must be produced prior to events.

On a lighter note,

Coming up we have the Carrum Regatta / Christmas party on **Dec 13th**. We will start the day with a Special General Meeting to discuss new rules and regulations to be introduced. Then have the usual time trials (with speed limit). Santa will also be making an appearance during the day, so you may have some arrangements to take care of.

The club is invited to a ski day at Nagambie Ski Club on **January 9th**. If you are interested in attending, contact Noel Palmer for more information.

After that is the Wills Bend Social Weekend. This year it will be on the weekend of 16th and 17th of January. For those who haven't been before, it is well worth going along. It is at Wills Bend 2. For more information contact,

Myself 0416 208 080 or Neil Williams 0412 853 798

CARRUM REGATTA / CHRISTMAS PARTY

Venue: - National Waters Sports Centre, Carrum

**** 13th DECEMBER 2015 ****

IMPORTANT NEW RULES THAT APPLY TO THIS AND FUTURE REGATTA'S.

EVERYONE MUST HAVE INSURANCE THAT COVERS THEM WHILST TAKING PART IN SSBOC RUN REGATTA'S, IT MUST STATE THIS ON YOUR POLICY.

ALL BOATS WILL BE SPEED LIMITED TO 65MPH. THIS IS TO KEEP IN LINE WITH THE 60 KNOTT LIMIT ON YOUR INSURANCE. SPEEDS WILL BE CHECKED WITH GPS'

LAND:

Set up from 8.30am

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING:

9.00AM – 10.00AM

WATER:

Set up from 10.00AM

SAFETY BRIEFING:

10.15 am – START: 10:30 am

***BBQ lunch will be available.* LAUNCH FEE \$ 30.00**

Santa will be making his usual appearance, so make sure you bring along a gift for Santa to give to your Child.

Note:- Events subject to change subject re; conditions Order to be determined on day.

Kid's Events:

U/6 – U/16 Ski Time Trials

Junior Boat-a-kana

Junior Barefoot

Under and Over 12 Two Up Event

Mixed Events:

Parent / Sibling Ski Time Trial

Adult Ski Events:

Male & Female

6Cyl/V8 Barefoot Time Trials (Le Mans Start)

6 Cylinder Ski Time Trials

V6/V8 Ski Time Trials

Open Ski Time Trials

Veteran Ski Time Trials

Boat Driver Events:

Male & Female

Boat-a-kana

6 Cylinder Time Trials (Single & Multi Carbi)

V6/V8 Time Trials

V / DRIVE BOATS CAN COMPETE IN THE SAME EVENTS AS MIDMOUNT BOATS (65MPH LIMIT)

FINISH:

Event finished including pack-up by 5.00pm

SSBOC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2015/2016

- President: **CHRIS BOYLE** 0416 208 080
- Vice President: **DEAN NEEDHAM** 0439 118 193
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GENERAL COMMITTEE

Leigh Thomas – Staci Cox – Neil Williams – Matt Rowley – Justin Handley

CLERKS OF COURSE

Tony Glass – Graeme Rowley

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COMING EVENTS

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| • 13 th December 2015: | Carrum Regatta / Christmas Party. | TBC |
| • 9 th January 2016: | Nagambie Slalom Day: | CONFIRMED |
| • 16 th & 17 th January 2016: | Wills Bend Social Weekend. | CONFIRMED |
| • 6 th March 2016: | Carrum Regatta (2) | CONFIRMED |
| • 2 nd & 3 rd April 2016: | Echuca Regatta. | TBC |



We will be selling our 1971 Seacraft "Lorrina, and advertising it soon.

Just letting SSBOC know first because it would be great if it went to somebody who appreciates seacraft boats.

It's been within the family since being built. (Build details are: "P. Adcock. Seacraft. July 1971".) It has its original Holden 186 (red) motor, which has never been modified.

It's always been garaged (mainly at Coongulla), but hasn't been used in the last few years. It's in original (near) condition. It has a small patch on the bottom.

For any more details or questions please call **Harvey on 0417 129 014**

Below are some of the notes taken from the Meeting with David Hunter (RMS NSW) and Marl Crockford (Nautilus Marine Insurance)

Topics:

These are some questions raised by our club members.

Our boat insurance limits our speed to maximum of 69mph (60 knots); we can police this with use of GPS in boats during time trials. Is there a way to increase this limit?

NO. Nautilus insurance will not raise the speed limit on personal boat insurance. Each boat must have at least 10 million Legal Liability and Personal Accident cover of \$50,000.00. It must also include 681 SSBOC Time Trial Extension and 290 Water Skiers Inclusion. If these are not included in the policy you cannot participate in SSBOC time trials. The skier and observer are only covered if it is proved the driver was negligent. GPS systems to be purchased to monitor all speeds and penalties to be applied if go over.

– how many to buy? Will need to check and clear before handing to next boat

This will involve an alteration and addition to the rules, as well as the construction of penalties for noncompliance.

Put GPS in each boat at the start of the day to see which are capable of breaking 69mph, any who break will be GPS monitored the entire weekend – run in engine classes – only put in ski classes if over for boat class

Extent of training for officials?

Training can be taught in house. Safety drills highly advised before events. Mock up of how to do a water rescue. Test communications. Assessment to be done by more experienced people first then they can train others. Make up a training booklet with a short quiz and test questions. Get the families involved. Web base training may also benefit.

How many first aiders? Is there a ratio of competitors / first aiders?

It is highly recommended that we have qualified first aid people at each end of the river on the buoy boats as well as 2 paramedics / St Johns on the beach plus 2 more first aid people on the beach at the rescue boat. Reaction times are imperative as is line of sight for the entire course. Also possibility of having first aid certificates for all members. **– Per boat?**

Safety gear: Is helmet, race suit, race jacket necessary? We currently use ski vest for drivers, observers and skiers.

Fire suits, helmets and full race gear is required for all participants. Chris is to further discuss this with Ryan (local marine safety officer in Moama). RMS notified us, Will definitely be required for all competitors over 45mph.

Is this required or highly recommended?

Rescue boat: We currently use one of our own ski boats as a rescue boat. We have 2 people on stand-by ready to take first aiders out if necessary. Does this need to change to a dedicated rescue boat with trained rescue personnel?

The rescue boat must be clearly marked on the beach and must consist of 2 first aiders, fire extinguisher, first aid kit, tow rope. This must be ready at all times. This may be one of our own boats

Is it okay to have officials compete in events as long as there is someone to take their place?

Yes so long as the replacement is fully briefed on the position and a signed handover is completed.

— can we have a rep from each boat in the morning to brief to reduce hand over times?

Is the insurance we currently have in place enough?

If we wish to raise the amount of club insurance a separate policy will need to be added. This will increase the personal injury cover. This will cost the club approx. \$10,000 - \$15,000 extra per year. Safety more important than insurance

Scrutineering: If we need to introduce scrutineering, do the scrutineers need qualifications or do we decide that in-house? To what extent do we need to check, every event, once a year?

Because we have a strict 69mph (60 knot) speed limit we don't require the same level of scrutineering as SRA however we do need to check boats every year or maybe every event as they are spaced widely apart for items such as collars, steering cable, fuel system and hoses, leaks and safety gear (eg: fire extinguisher, bucket, torch etc.) This must be done by a trained scrutineer. Nautilus has a condition report that each boat is to complete every 3 years. A condition report is available to download from Nautilus and we can use this as a guide to make our own scrutineering sheets.

What do we need to do to make these events happen?

No fuelling in the water. A designated fuel area is highly advised or no refuelling during events at all. Sweep the river after each houseboat has been through or at Carrum at least 3 times per day. Add an ambulance cover section to the

form and signed consent that if you are not covered and an ambulance is called the cost is your responsibility.

Detail in full in the newsletter about how the insurance only covers up to a certain amount and only if the driver is found to be negligent.

Slow down, take our time and do correctly

Have a cut off day for entries at least a week before an event so all paperwork is logged and all members insurance papers have been read and understood correctly and have the right amount of cover.

Add to the Risk Assessment Plan – Boat fire, skier fall, explosion.

We also need to construct new procedures in relation to communication between officials during events, rescue teams, clerks of course and committee members.

Make sure all members are well aware of the designated areas that they are covered under the clubs insurance.

There were also concerns raised relating to the lack of drug and alcohol controls.

MUST HAVES:

1. Speed limit all boats
2. Checked with gps
3. Scrutinize all boats entering
4. Documented training of personal, buoy boats, first aiders rescue boat etc. sign off sheet
5. Pre entry

Might have to:

1. Increase insurance cover, personal injury cover
2. Race jackets, helmets and fire suits for everyone in the boat and the race gear for skiers
3. Paramedic on site at all times
4. Speed check everyone if different speed classes introduced



The Lake Mulwala Rod Run was on the weekend of November 7th & 8th and some members of the SSBOC attended to display their boats and to help out on the entry gates to the Show and Shine on Sunday Morning. The NSSR put on a fantastic event every year and this year was no exception with more than 620 Hot Rods entered. The NSSR Club make a generous donation to our Club for helping them out where ever we can. Big thanks to all those who helped, Kev, Jenny, Melanie, Courtney Grech, Dom Couch, Neville & Helen Blake, Noel Palmer, Darren & Staci Cox, Mark & Mel Palmer.

