

SSBOC NEWSLETTER - Oct. 2019

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SEACRAFT SYNDICATE BOAT OWNERS CLUB

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Hi all

Well winter and the AGM are done, so it's full steam ahead towards the new season from here. Thanks to all returning committee members and thanks to Allen Jones for stepping into the secretary's role. Allen is a past president and a life member of the SSBOC, so his passion for our club will be put to great use! Also welcome to Warren Box on committee, also a senior member who has supported the SSBOC forever.

A bit sad though, that Neil Williams and Staci Cox are having a well-earned rest from their many years on committee. Although they will still do stuff, we hope they both enjoy a bit more time on the water on SSBOC Regatta days.

The new season going forward really starts off with our Christmas Regatta on December 8th, so start organizing the kids and get your boats fired up ready for some fun against the clock. With plenty of unfinished match ups to play out this season, it is going to be amazing!

Our younger members will be a year older and a few inches taller, with quite a few moving out of the junior classes – so watch out, no one should feel comfy that they have their favorite event in the bag!

Further in, Neil has put together a bit on the Mel & Courtney Grechs' sensational world titles campaign in France – ha, I know you were representing Australia; however I tell everyone you were representing the SSBOC!

The SSBOC is ready to roll for 2020 - so get into it!

Jon Helmore.



COMING EVENTS

DATE	VENUE	EVENT	STATUS
8 th DECEMBER	WATER SPORTS CENTRE	CARRUM REGATTA	CONFIRMED
18 th & 19 th	WILLS BEND		
JANUARY	ECHUCA	SOCIAL WEEKEND	CONFIRMED
1 st FEBRUARY		NWSC V SSBOC	NOT
SATURDAY	NAGAMBIE	CHALLENGE	CONFIRMED
15 th MARCH	WATER SPORTS CENTRE	CARRUM REGATTA	CONFIRMED
18 th & 19 th APRIL	MAX KIRWAN SKI PARK MULWALA	MULWALA REGATTA	CONFIRMED
SAT & SUN			

SSBOC HONOUR BOARD

LIFE MEMBERS

CHARLIE TULL

JOHN COFFEY

NOEL PALMER

PETER ADCOCK

ALLEN JONES

TONY GLASS

GORDON JOHNSTON

LEN RETALLICK

NEVILLE BLAKE

BERYL JOHNSTON

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

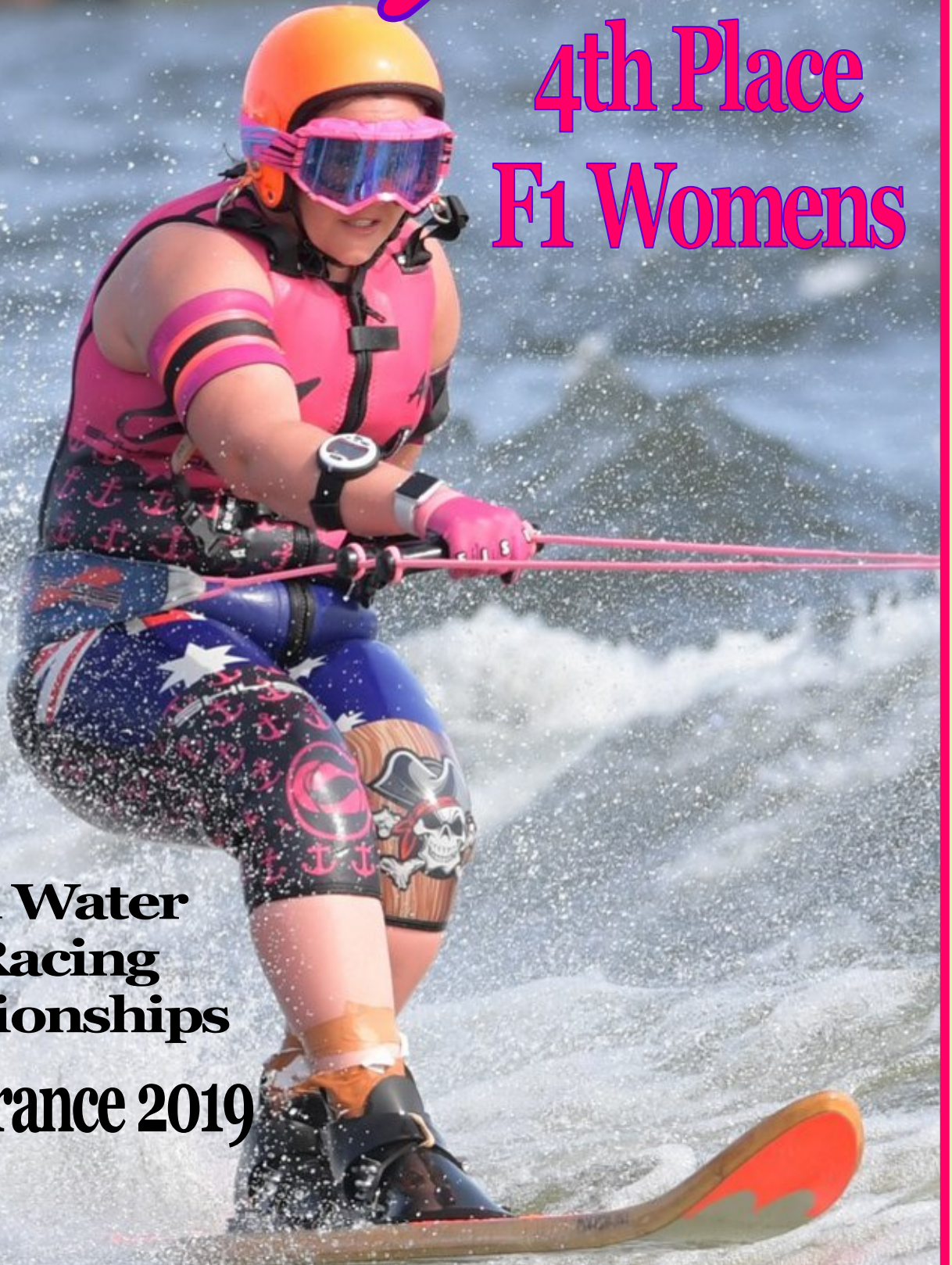
16-19 JON HELMORE

00-02 TONY GLASS

Congratulations *Mel Grech*

4th Place
F1 Womens

**World Water
Ski Racing
Championships
Vichy France 2019**



Congratulations *Courtney Grech*

**2nd Place
F3 Womens**



**World Water
Ski Racing
Championships**

Vichy France 2019

Congratulations Melanie & Courtney Grech on your magnificent achievements at the World Water Ski Racing Championship in Vichy France. It has been quite a journey to get to where you have and it hasn't always been a smooth ride.. The first round of qualifying was way back in January at Jindabyne with subsequent rounds in Botany Bay (NSW), Robe (S.A.), and Yarrawonga (Vic.).

Courtney skied behind Against The Grain, with Jenny doing a fantastic job driving throughout the series, in some very trying conditions. The team did extremely well in a big field of very good skiers and driver's and finished just outside the top three after all the races. Courtney qualified as the Reserve for F1 and F2 Women.

Melanie originally was going to compete in F2 Women but there was a problem with the boat she was meant to ski behind. Kev decided that he wouldn't let Mel miss out on a great opportunity and said there's a spot in F1 up for grabs, we'll enter with Peg Leg. So if there wasn't enough travelling already, now they are towing 2 boats all around the country. Kev and Mel did a great job and qualified 3rd, gaining a spot on the Aussie Team in F1 Women.

The training that both Girls did in the months leading up to the Worlds was incredible, they both had at least 2 sessions a week out on the bay, most of which were in terrible condition's. But rain hail or shine, they put in the hours with either Kev or Jenn behind the wheel pushing the girls to the limit.

In France Melanie secured a tow behind a Belgium boat called 'The Punisher' driven by Piotr Krasinski, who spoke very little English, which made communicating with Mel's Observer (Ross Harris) very interesting. The skiing condition's were like nothing the Girls had experienced before, with vertical concrete walls surrounding most of the course, it didn't take long before the water was similar to what you would find in a washing machine. To Mel's credit, she fought hard and held on and finished every race, with only one fall along the way. After 4 gruelling races Mel had accumulated enough points to finish Fourth in the World in F1 Women's.

Courtney decided that sitting on the side lines wasn't for her, so she found a boat to tow her in the F3 Women's Open Class. All of the boats are limited to 150 Horsepower Outboards, so the racing was fairly close. Although Court's boat was a little down on speed, she pushed the driver all the way and finished in 2nd Place overall.

Congratulations to the whole Grech family on a magnificent campaign, Melanie & Courtney, you should be proud of what you have achieved, you worked extremely hard and thoroughly deserve all the success that has come your way.

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GENERAL COMMITTEE

Leigh Thomas , Warren Box , Mel Palmer, Murray Bowra , Alison Staave Fischer,
 Dave Staave Fischer, Chris Boyle, Jason Robson, Lee Dixon Box.

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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

AGM Sunday 8th September, 2019

Held at Manningham Hotel, 1 Thompsons Rd Bulleen

Attendees: Jon Helmore, Neil Williams, Bernie Carne, Adam Carne, Chris Boyle, Lee Dixon Box, Warren Box, Noel Palmer, Staci Cox, Allen Jones, Mel Palmer, Graeme Rowley

Apologies: Murray Bowra, Jason Robson, Leigh Thomas, Alison & Dave Staave-Fischer, Stan Haritou, Tony & Rhonda Middleton, Tony Glass, Mark Palmer,

Meeting Open: 1.40pm

AGM Report for 2018: read by Jon Helmore

Accepted: Chris Boyle & Mel Palmer,

Presidents report: read by Jon Helmore (see attached)

Accepted: Neil Williams & Chris Boyle

Treasurers Report: read by Bernie Carne (see attached)

Accepted: Mel Palmer, Staci Cox

Financials for Club signed off by Jon Helmore & Graeme Rowley and announced to the members for presentation

ELECTIONS:

Office Position	Nominated	Nom By:	2 nd	Votes
President	Jon Helmore	Bernie Carne	Neil Williams	Unanimous
Vice President	Graeme Rowley	Jon Helmore	Warren Box	Unanimous
Treasurer	Bernie Carne	Neil Williams	Allen Jones	Unanimous
Secretary/ Public Officer	Allen Jones	Bernie Carne	Mel Palmer	Unanimous
General Committee	Chris Boyle	Jon Helmore	Neil Williams	Unanimous
	Mel Palmer	Jon Helmore	Chris Boyle	Unanimous
	Murray Bowra	Jon Helmore	Bernie Carne	Unanimous
	Jason Robson	Jon Helmore	Graeme Rowley	Unanimous
	Leigh Thomas	Jon Helmore	Graeme Rowley	Unanimous
	Dave Staave Fischer	Neil Williams	Neil Smith	Unanimous
	Alison Staave Fischer	Jon Helmore	Bernie Carne	Unanimous
	Lee Dixon Box	Jon Helmore	Neil Smith	Unanimous
	Warren Box	Chris Boyle	Bernie Carne	Unanimous
Website Co-ordinator	Mark Palmer	Jon Helmore	Neil Williams	Unanimous
Clerk of Course	Tony Glass	Jon Helmore	Neil Williams	Unanimous
	Graeme Rowley			Unanimous
Reserve COC	Kev Grech	Jon Helmore	Neil Williams	Unanimous
Reserve COC	Trevor Clancy	Jon Helmore	Neil Williams	Unanimous
Apparel	Neil Williams	Jon Helmore	Bernie Carne	Unanimous

VOTE TO REMOVE SIGNATORIES –
NEIL WILLIAMS

First: Mel Palmer, Chris Boyle

VOTE TO ADD NEW SIGNATORIES:
ALLEN JONES

First: Bernie Carne, Lee Dixon Box

MEMBERSHIP FEES;

Current Family & Fam Associate membership: \$95, Single & Single Associate \$70, Trial: \$20.

It was proposed that in 2020/2021 Family & Family Associate memberships to increase to \$100 & Single & Single Associate Memberships to remain at \$70.

A member disagreed with the increase and there was discussion had about why the price should or should not be increased. Due to an increase in costs in Presentation Nights, trailer up keep, also to offset not having to run the Bun-nings BBQ if we don't get the volunteers.

Voted on and passed

GENERAL BUSINESS FROM PREVIOUS AGM:

Jon discussed the Charlie Tull Award and advised the members how it would work and it will be starting this year.

formula discussed and deemed a success – great to see increase in women involved in racing events. Congratulations to Chris Boyle for winning the first Charlie Tull Award.

Jon discussed the Coffo Award and asked the members to have a think about the criteria that goes into the Coffo award to see if it can be made a more important award and open to someone winning every year. Proposing a rule change.

The criteria was amended to the 30-30-30 scoring system.

Congratulations to Squidwood for winning the award this year.

Noel Palmer read out an email from Tony Glass about the Coffo Award and how it should be awarded: (copy on file). Tony would like to motion that we don't change the original Coffo criteria. Noel Palmer agreed with Tony Glass' email.

Another member mentioned he would like to change the points criteria to have more points awarded for the sweat and tears and engine differences. Discussion was had by all.

Another member mentioned that the Coffo Award not be awarded every year and only when it's merited. Most others agreed.

It was confirmed that best presented winners are still eligible for the Coffo Award.

Another member suggested there should be a minimum number of points to be reached before the Coffo Award is awarded. (A measurable way to be awarded.) After group discussion, it was agreed there will be a minimum point award system with the number to be agreed upon at the next Committee Meeting when we have the judging data available to us – this part was voted on and passed unanimously

Tony talked about the Coffo Award as to what Coffo wanted for the winner of this award. Someone who worked hard on their boat and it was immaculately presented but was not a recipient of a Best Presented Award but deserved an award for the effort put into the boat. (Not a 2nd best boat). The Coffo Award means more than best presented in a lot of people's eyes.

(see above)

Jon asked if we could take a vote that the committee could confirm the criteria of the Coffo award and also run it past Pam Coffey before we totally confirm it Voted: Majority of the room

Jon wants to ensure the criteria to judge the award is agreed upon.

Ryan Box had an idea to possibly put a sub-committee together to work out who wins the award – It was decided general committee could do it.

no further action required

Warren Box wanted know if we could publish the criteria for the Best Presented Boats so that people can see where they lost points, where they gained points etc.

A member mentioned they believe we should have the criteria for all awards listed and available to people to see. It was agreed to be stored on the club laptop so is available to any members that ask.

Warren Box asked if we can advertise the Committee meetings on the facebook page so that people have the chance to come if they wish.

Was decided against

Warren Box also asked if we can publish the boats and their year of make alongside the members names so that everyone can see
Was agreed and has been done

Mulwala Trial Skiers for one day only, the 2nd day must be paid for in a membership. The \$20 will be deducted from the membership total if on the same weekend.

Was agreed and being done

Grech's new boat -21ft timber custom hull – they requested to put the boat up for a 12 month approval for acceptance into the club - Discussion held and accepted for 12 months

Pegleg probation has expired and is up for approval of membership – discussion was had

Vote was taken with 6 votes yes and 4 votes no with 2 abstaining from voting - Vote passed

Conversation point for discussion – do custom boats fit the club criteria automatically? Members and committee to consider if any based design criteria is warranted

It was agreed, no they don't automatically fit.

Mulwala such a great place for the Regatta which has encouraged people to come back to play.

Agreed Mulwala is still successful

Ryan Box mentioned he could provide a list of people's names to get more people to join the club ... there was discussion about it being a good size at the moment and a great family club.

No further action

Noel wants a clubhouse on the spare lake at Mulwala.

Is on the wishlist!

Rules – one male & one female driver per boat – Discussion regarding having multiple drivers for one boat to cover for the children coming through – committee to discuss further

Agreed to stay with one male and one female per boat

Timing issue – Drop in boys at the start so that boats are in the right spot to start the race. Trying to ensure its as fair as possible.

Loudhailer will be used to direct drivers to start line next season.

Agreed successful and will continue

NEW BUSINESS FROM THIS AGM:

Electronic Timing System – Racesafe has been the only system that could possibly work however Jon has been unable to contact the Racesafe contact and can only assume he is no longer interested in dealing with us. Jon to continue looking into options Discussion was had.

Outcome is to look into updating to better GPs units - Jon Helmore.

Southern80 update – SRA advised an approx flat fee of \$5000 to run SSBOD boats at S80. Discussion was had. *Outcome is not feasible for the 2019/2020 S80. Will try to get ready for the 2020/2021 S80.*

Expression of Interest to go out in the Newsletter to see how many numbers and if worth putting the huge effort in to organise.

Oasis Camp for Presentation Night going forward - Discussion was had regarding pricing and accomodation.

agreed to confirm deposit for Oasis for 2020 however we will be looking for another venue to see if they can accommodate our needs (if possible).

Not for Profit – advised that the ATO has confirmed that we are definitely a non for profit club however the ABN Lookup does not show this. Bank accounts need to be updated to show Not for Profit and to set up Internet Banking.

Meeting closed – 4.46pm

Next Committee Meeting – Friday 11th October, 2019

Following Meeting – Friday 15th November, 2019

7pm for dinner or 7.30pm meeting start

ATTACHMENT 1

SSBOC Presidents Report to the AGM 08/09/2019

Thanks for coming this afternoon.

We had great last season with 3 Regattas all enjoying good weather, great competition, great turnout and plenty of participation. Our Wills Bend weekend, our fundraising and our presentation night were all a lot of fun.

I'd like to thank the outgoing committee for their support & hard work – there is always a stack to do in the background and on Regatta days, and they always do it with a smile.

A few committee members are taking a well-earned rest, particularly Staci Cox & Neil Williams. Having each given around 10 years continuous service to the running of our club, you certainly deserve one – so a special thank you from all of us.

The work and achievements of our committee over my last 3 years are many, however reinstatement of our two day Regatta at the terrific Mulwala venue, a better insurance deal for members and the introduction of our club championship competition to provide for the first time, a competition that all boat owners have an equal opportunity to win, and that gives equal billing to both our male and female participation, are certainly the highlights.

I'd like to thank also the members who always chip in and help, our sponsors that help keep our membership fees down, and all our members who front up and participate.

We are a unique club in that can enjoy our boats and competition in a true family environment that allows all family members to participate – that is very special!

I can't wait for the next season begin and will probably start counting the sleeps from now until the first Regatta.

If not before, I'll see you on the water!

Jon Helmore

ATTACHMENT 2

TREASURERS REPORT FOR 2018/2019 - BERNIE CARNE

Chq account opening balance @ 1/7/2018 \$29,062.92

Chq account closing balance @ 30/6/2019 \$33,382.45

Fundraising acc opening balance @ 1/7/18 \$3,750.51

Fundraising acc opening balance @ 30/6/19 \$0.34

2018/2019 MEMBERSHIPS	2017/2018 MEMBERSHIPS
42 FAMILY + 12 FAMILY ASSOC	40 FAMILY + 12 FAMILY ASSOC
18 SINGLE + 9 SINGLE ASSOC	15 SINGLE + 7 SINGLE ASSOC
21 ASSOC	19 ASSOC
1 VIP	1 VIP
2 TRIAL	21 TRIAL
11 LIFE	10 LIFE
147 ADULTS 79 CHILDREN 70 BOATS	141 ADULTS 68 CHILDREN 66 BOATS

I have a copy of the Transaction History that shows every transaction in the bank account for the financial year for perusal if required.

The fundraising account balance was transferred into the cheque account so that we only use the one account.

Membership renewals were emailed out to all members first week of July, 2019.

Thanks,

IN MEMORY

The SSBOC wishes to remember Peter 'Chooka' O'Rourke who recently passed away.

Chooka was a friend of the SSBOC and for many years was very much a legend and character on the Murray. Chooka was a passionate water skier and barefooter and was responsible for encouraging many to have a go – including a few that went on to great things. A common thread from the people I've spoken to that knew him well was that he will be remembered for his passion and enthusiasm for teaching and coaching anyone that wanted to "have a go".

Chooka owned "Babilla", a 60's Seacraft that was always quick, fondly known as "Babilla The Killer" and which sported his amazing hang gliding and barefoot crane!

In true SSBOC Coffo Award spirit – Chooka's crane would have scored very well for 'technical innovation'!

Thanks to Chooka's son John, Rob H, and Natalie S for contacting us and those I have spoken to that painted the picture of a man that enjoyed life, family, and his boat – all the things the SSBOC is about.

Jon H.



Chooka

