

Annual Report 2023/2024 & Notice of Annual General Meeting



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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

You are hereby notified that the Annual General Meeting of the Gosford Sailing Club will be held on **Sunday 11th August 2024 at 9.00am** at the Clubhouse, Masons Parade, Gosford.

AGENDA

1. Acknowledgement of Country
2. Vale – One minute silence for Members who have passed
3. Confirmation of the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 27th August 2023
Apologies (only written recorded)
4. Annual Report of the General Committee
 - (1) President's Report
5. Income and Expenditure Accounts and Balance Sheet for 2022-2023
 - (1) Treasurer's Report
6. Report of the Auditors
7. Commodores report
8. Written questions received
9. Questions from the floor in relation to reports (please hold your questions until this time)
10. Presentation of Trophies
11. Appoint a Returning Officer and Scrutineers
12. Election of the General Committee as per the Triennial Rule. To elect in the following order:
 - (1) President (for a term of 3 years)
 - (2) Club Captain (for a term of 3 years)
 - (3) Committee Member Director (for a term of 3 years)
 - (4) Committee Member Director (for a term of 3 years)
13. Nomination forms and position descriptions for these roles will be sent to all members ahead of the AGM. Motion to destroy ballot papers
14. Appointment of Auditors
15. Other Business (such as may be transacted at a General Meeting).

By order of the General Committee.

Paul Gulliksen
President

FIRST ORDINARY RESOLUTION

That pursuant to the Registered Clubs Act:

(a) The Members hereby approve and agree to expenditure by the Club of a sum not exceeding \$2,500.00 in total for the following expenditure and benefits for Directors:

- (1) The reasonable cost of a meal and beverage for each Director immediately after a Board Meeting, on the day of that meeting, provided that the meeting corresponds with a normal mealtime.
- (2) Reasonable expenses incurred by Directors in travelling to and from other duly constituted committee meetings (other than monthly Board Meetings) as approved by the Board from time to time on production of invoices, receipts, or other proper documentary evidence of such expenses.
- (3) Reasonable expenses incurred by Directors in relation to such duties, including entertainment of special guests to the Club and other promotional activities, and these expenses therefore are approved by the Board before payment is made on production of receipts, invoices, or other proper documentary evidence of such expenditure.

(b) The Members acknowledge that the benefits in paragraph (a) above are not available to Members generally but only for those who are Directors of the Club.

SECOND ORDINARY RESOLUTION

That pursuant to the Registered Clubs Act, the Members hereby approve and agree to expenditure by the Club in a sum not exceeding \$5,000.00 in total for the professional development and education of Directors and being:

- (1) The reasonable cost of Directors attending the ClubsNSW Annual General Meeting.
- (2) The reasonable cost of Directors attending seminars, lectures, trade displays, invitational functions and other similar events as may be determined by the Board from time to time.

NOTES TO MEMBERS

These notes are to be read in conjunction with the proposed Resolutions:

1. The First Resolution is to have the Members at this General Meeting approve an amount no greater than \$2,500.00 in total for expenditure by the Club in relation to duties performed by the Club's Directors.
2. The Second Resolution is to have the Members at this General Meeting approve an amount no greater than \$5,000.00 in total for the expenditure by the Club for Directors to attend seminars, lectures, trade displays and other similar events, including the ClubsNSW Annual General Meeting, and to visit other Clubs to enable the Club's governing body to be kept abreast of the current trends and developments, which may have a significant bearing on the nature and way in which the Club conducts its business.
3. Each of these Ordinary Resolutions must be passed as a whole and cannot be amended by motions from the floor of the meeting or divided into two or more separate resolutions.
4. To be passed, each Ordinary Resolution must receive votes in its favour from not less than a simple majority of those Members, who being entitled to do so, vote in person at the meeting.
5. The Ordinary Resolutions you are being asked to approve have become necessary as a result of a number of decisions of the licensing court of NSW and also because of the amendment of the Registered Clubs Act in 1994.
6. It is a legal obligation of Members to provide adequate training and supervision of its Manager, Directors, and staff to ensure compliance with all relevant laws relating to the Club Industry (Section B, parts 22 and 24(f) of the ClubsNSW Code of Practice).
7. A new section 10(6A) has been added to the Act, which provides for the authorisation of different benefits for different classes of Members by a General Meeting. As a result, it has now become common practice for registered clubs to set out all the costs and benefits associated with the Directors in a notice to the Members so that they can be approved at a General Meeting.

President's Report

On behalf of the Board, I am pleased to present the 2024 annual report . This report exemplifies reflects the efforts of our relatively small management team, and the many volunteers, who willingly offer their time in support of the club's activities.

It was pleasing to see more activity in and around the Club during the year, with members and guests taking advantage of and enjoying the many sailing events, in particular the Twilights, Saturday and Sunday race days were very popular. Many thanks to the skippers, crew, and volunteers for their commitment and support of these events.

Satisfactory financial results were achieved, well supported by the marina operations and member's annual subscriptions. Our major expenses such as employee costs, insurance and utility services, all reflects increases due to generally higher costs, as experienced by most businesses. We had to deal with additional costs of attending to necessary repairs and maintenance, mainly associated with our aging building. The net cost of providing race management and junior sailing services continued to remain within budget expectations.

The club also hosted a growing number of events and functions for members and guests enjoying the Club's unique location.

Governance and Risk

The board aims to develop a culture of acting ethically and responsibly, to recognise and manage risks, protect the assets of the Club, respect the rights of our stakeholders and ensure integrity in our reporting. The board and management are supported by several active committees overseeing and assisting in managing the business and supervision of operations of the Club.

The committees reporting to the board comprise the Sailing Committee, Food & Beverage Committee, Functions Committee, and Building Committee with members who have a broad range of experience and ability. Members of these committees provide many hours of volunteer service, which is greatly appreciated.

Strategy and Plans

The board works with management and the committees to regularly review strategies and plans to provide clear objectives, to approve a budget for the year ahead, and to develop our plans for the future.

Our strategy and business plans remain focussed around our core commitment to providing our members with well maintained and secure marina facilities, professionally organised regular sailing programs, as well as supporting social activities and services to meet the diverse needs of our members. In turn, assisting and encouraging membership growth.

A special thank you to our small group of professional, dedicated staff for their assistance and hard work during the year.

The Board's focus is to encourage greater use of the club's facilities and participation in social activities by members and guests. We aim to improve our service for planned events, and capitalise on the considerable investment in recent years to make the club fully functional, pleasing to the eye, and maximise our unique location.

Further work has now commenced to upgrade and improve the downstairs bathroom amenities, replace the lift, upgrade the downstairs kitchen.

The Club is well positioned to continue to grow and meet our core objectives as a premier sailing club. I acknowledge and thank the board members for their support, oversight, interest, many hours of work, and input to the affairs of the Club, and express our gratitude and thanks to all our members for their continued support during the last year.

This will be my last report as President, as I am standing down from the role. I will be remaining on the Board, and my aim is to continue supporting the Club into the future.

Paul Gulliksen

**President
Gosford Sailing Club**

2024 Treasurer's Report

Jan Muysken

Overall the financial results for 2024 were disappointing with a surplus of \$147,473 compared to \$237,827 to last year.

The Bar & Bistro revenue grew by 12%, however costs have grown by more and the net result is an operating loss of \$452,000 which is not sustainable. The challenge is that costs are growing at a faster rate than revenue and it will take much more effort to get closer to a break even situation.

The Board is continuing to focus on opportunities for revenue growth and keeping a tight control on costs.

Gaming Revenue was down by \$70,000 which is a reflection of the current economic environment.

The Marina and Hard Stand continued to have good occupancy rates and generate a good contribution to the bottom line, thanks to Daniel Eddy the club's volunteer Marina Manager.

The contribution to Sailing Revenue and the bottom line by the **Sailing Academy** was outstanding and shows even more potential for growth in the future, thanks to the fantastic efforts of Sophie McIntosh.

Trading has been **positive** for May, June and July with revenue **growth** around 10.4%.

Functions such as Mothers' Day and Christmas in July have helped to offset the end of season downturn that is normally experienced in the winter months.

Beverly Small recently led the *Functions Project* with a team of volunteers that has mapped out a blue print on how increased functions revenue can play a bigger role in the club's future.

Volunteers and Board members have made a significant contribution to the club's financial position by

performing hands on roles that were previously performed by professional club and marina management at a cost of over \$250,000 per year.

Stephen Luther electrician extraordinaire has kept both the club and marina electrics working while **John Denton** and **Charles Hill** have kept the club's growing fleet of boats afloat and operational.

Liliana Calley has donated a significant amount of time from her professional accounting practice to help keep the club's accounts in order and BAS accounting up to date.

Cash on hand has improved by \$140,000 from last year and this year the current ratio is over 1 as current assets exceed current liabilities.

Looking to the future once the downstairs renovation project is completed and profitability is restored to a sustainable level the Board plans to invest in weather proofing the Sailors Bar Deck to enable greater utilisation for functions, invest in IT systems and the website and develop plans for marina improvements and a long term project for the roof replacement.

Commodore's Annual Report

Gosford Sailing Club Commodore Report July 2024

As the Commodore of the Gosford Sailing Club, I am thrilled to report on key areas in the last year.

1. Club Overview

- Successful hosting of the ILCA Championships with over 50 entrants
- Expansion of Junior sailing fleets and training programs under Sophie McIntosh's leadership
- Significant growth and development of the Junior fleet, including the use of the "Peppercorn" vessel to allow parents to watch their children sail
- Sailing and the Sailing Academy activity has made a positive financial contribution to the club results.
- Each fleet has contributed to a sailing club that is going places. Reports from each show the engagement in and across the club

2. Community Engagement and Development

- Outreach to over 15 local schools and 30 female students earning their Start Powerboating Certificate
- Increase in Magic Fleet activity, now operating 5 days per week
- Enhanced Family Sailing Offer and Teenager programme, with a 25% increase in Adult Learn to Sail participation

3. Inclusivity and Governance

- Hosting of the She Sails regatta and the inaugural Gosford Sailing Club Championship Regatta.

- Collaboration with other Directors to enhance club operations, financial management, and governance practices.
- Creation of the Volunteer Coordinator role and the contributions of Sailing Race Officers and volunteers

More Detail on the Sailing Activity

Our season commenced with an exhilarating start, marked by the successful hosting of the ILCA Championships. The event saw participation from over 50 entrants and was supported by more than 18 volunteers each race day, showcasing the club's exceptional capabilities.

The appointment of Sophie McIntosh as our Sailing Academy Manager has been pivotal in our progress. Under her leadership, our Junior sailing fleets and training programs have expanded significantly, reflecting our commitment to nurturing young talent.

This year has been transformative for our Junior fleet, which has seen substantial growth and development. During the season around 50 juniors were on the water each week.



A cornerstone of our strategy has been parent involvement, which has proven instrumental in boosting junior member numbers and enhancing retention. In support of this initiative, we were fortunate to receive the use of the observation vessel "Peppercorn," dedicated to our Junior Fleet.

Our outreach efforts in November 2023 resulted in contact with over 15 local schools, culminating in 30 female students earning their Start Powerboating Certificate during Term 3. This milestone represents a significant accomplishment for both the Gosford Sailing Club and the participating schools.

We have also focused on cultivating our instructor pool and adapting programs to extend the sailing season. The Magic Fleet has seen a remarkable increase in activity, now operating 5 days per week, up from an average of 2 days.

The Family Sailing Offer and Teenager programme has received a boost, and our Adult Learn to Sail programs have witnessed a 25% increase in participation compared to the same period last year. In our ongoing efforts to promote inclusivity, the club has made strides in increasing the representation of women and girls within the community.



This year, we proudly hosted the She Sails regatta and the inaugural Gosford Sailing Club Championship Regatta, which spanned over two days.



The Club Championship format required each Magic sailor crew to include at least one Junior and a female member. The innovative "hot crew on water swaps" facilitated quicker transitions between races, while the "Peppercorn" served as the on-course vessel, providing a comfortable space for waiting crews.



Each Fleet report will show the vibrant activity around sailing. The cross-fleet work has been encouraging with Radio Controlled sailing building a programme for Junior sailors.

The combined work of our volunteers to complete maintenance of our Magic Fleet like antifouling and polishing each boat, fixing things where they can and organising our racing has meant Sailing and the Sailing Academy are making a financial contribution to the club. This will allow us to reinvest in the Sailing Academy and broaden our programme in our Central Coast community. This massive achievement allowed the club to be financially far stronger.



This year also marked the creation and fulfillment of the Volunteer Coordinator role. This position as attracted new volunteers and ensured that our existing volunteers were supplemented with fresh faces. Volunteers have contributed in so many ways both on the water and in accounting, administration and working on committees. While there is more work to be done, this has been an excellent start to strengthening our volunteer base.



I extend a heartfelt thank you to our Sailing Race Officers and on-course volunteers. Their dedication and hard work ensure that we can all enjoy the sport of sailing. On behalf of the sailing fraternity, we are immensely grateful for their contributions.





Sailability at Gosford Sailing Club relies on many of our experienced sailing members. Our club also supports Sailability with space and use of our resources.

As part of the Executive, I have enjoyed collaborating with other Directors to enhance the club's operational, financial management, and governance practices from November 2023 to the end of the year.

Working closely with the President and other Directors, the team have:

1. implemented a restructure,
2. reviewed the Functions processes and offers,
3. improved rostering,
4. changed our Bistro booking systems and processes. This has been instrumental in boosting trading and yielded sound results in the closing months of the financial year.

All have improved financial results over the last quarter.

In conclusion, the Gosford Sailing Club continues to thrive, thanks to the dedication and passion of our members, staff, and the broader community.

We look forward to building on these achievements and setting sail towards an even brighter future.

Tony Clark
July 2024

Our Valued Volunteers

Mike	Bacigalupo	Ian	Humphries
Brian	Baker	John	Humphries
Varun	Batra	Lorna	Jackson
Mark	Bosman	Elisa	James
James	Brigden	George	Johnstone
Richard	Brookes	Jackson	Kelly
David	Burrows	Minkang	Kim Sankey
Terence	Calley	Gilbert	Lehrer
Liliana	Calley	Krista	Lewis
Karen	Cantrell	Debi	Lloyd
Lynn	Charles	Julie	Lockyer
Anthony	Clark	Vida	Long
Paul	Coupe	Stephen	Luther
Linda	Cromwell	Kate	McCallum
Jane	Davis	Eris	McCarthy
Nathan	Davis	Lisa	McPherson
Robyn	Denton	Helen	Monks
Penny	Dilworth	Dirk	Nommensen
Geoff	Dilworth	Tara	Page
Learne	Dooley	John	Payne
David	Dougherty	Marlene	Pearce
Sonia	Dougherty	Warwick	Phillips
Emma	Dunch	Jane	Piper
Sheryl	Dunlap	Chris	Radford
Daniel	Eddy	Lana	Ratapu
James	Ellis	Jenny	Ricketts
Mark	Ferguson	Libby	Rowbotham
Mark	Ferris	Chris	Ryan
Doug	Fitzgerald	Elizabeth	Scott
Adam	French	Simone	Shannon
Anne	Gan	Nigel	Short
Margaret	Gillies	John	Sinclair
Dennis	Gilshenen	Beverly	Small
Carolyn	Glover	Russell	Smith
Peter	Godfrey	John	Sprague
Maurice	Goodship	Russell	Stanton
Amie	Graham	Katherine	Stone
Meicha	Greenwood	Peter	Walsh
Paul	Gulliksen	Tim	Wheeler
Melinda	Gunn	Keith	Whitaker
Charles	Hill	Brian	Zemanek

We also wish to acknowledge the many volunteers who support Sailability at Gosford Sailing Club.

Many Volunteers make contributions in the year informally. While we have tried to capture all the volunteers that make a valuable contribution to the Gosford Sailing Club. If we have by chance missed anyone please let us know and we will ensure they are added to the list and recognised in the future.



Gosford Sailing Club SheSails Season 23-24 Annual Report

Since the formal establishment of the SheSails programme in 2021, women's sailing at Gosford has been steadily progressing. The 2023-24 Season has witnessed steady development of the SheSails Fleet's sailing programme, its external engagement, and improved publicity. The following three key achievements are particularly notable.

1. The GSC SheSails has seen an increased competitiveness in sailing performance, by hosting its own inter-club regatta and by demonstrating high performances in external regattas.

The 3rd GSC SheSails Sports Boat Regatta was hosted between 25-26 May 2024. This high-quality regatta demonstrated GSC women sailors' race organising skills, not only in terms of sailing performance but also with all women aboard the start and support boats, and a woman as umpire. 3 teams (2 GSC, 1 NCYC) participated and competed onboard Club's Magic 25 boats. The competition was tightly contested and, after 5 races, the GSC teams placed 2nd and 3rd. SheSails at Gosford owes particular thanks to Peter Walsh and Brian Baker whose specialist expertise contributed to the race organisation and training programme for the regatta.

GSC women sailors also demonstrated strong competitiveness in the external SheSails regattas. At 2024 NCYC SheSails Development Regatta (2-3 March), Gosford women (Skipper: Amie Graham) were placed in 2nd. In November 2023, GSC's Salty Sorts team (Skipper: Justine Gowland-Ella) won 2nd place at the highly competitive NCYC SheSails Open Regatta.

2. The GSC SheSails has offered social events that are purposefully designed to improve women's participation and leadership in sailing.

On 7th March, the 2nd GSC SheSails International Women's Day (IWD) Dinner was hosted with 2 guest speakers, Elyse Guevara and Heidi Weathers who shared their Pacific Ocean sailing experiences. The guest speeches and discussions enabled 40 participants to reflect on personal meanings of sailing as a member of sailing team, as a woman and a family member. The participants unanimously agreed that the IWD event should be included in the Sailing Calendar to be held on the first Thursday of March, every year.

Additionally, to enhance the incorporation of women sailors' participation into the Club's sailing programme, SheSails held a Saturday Morning Tea & Information Day (21 October 2023) and a SheSails Sail Pass Day (25 October 2023)

3. Overall, the GSC SheSails has achieved improved visibility within Australian Sailing community by publicising its activities and notable achievements in the development of its membership.

An article that has featured the GSC SheSails Fleet was published in both [AFLOAT magazine](#) and the official site of the [Australian Sailing](#) (AS). The publication of the article was organised and edited by Robert Swan, who invited women sailor's short stories and liaised with relevant editors. This enticingly written article introduces 6 GSC women sailors' sailing journey, with the aim of encouraging individual readers and domestic sailing clubs to join and contribute to the AS SheSails initiatives.

On behalf of the SheSails, big thanks to everyone who contributes to the bright future of SheSails at Gosford! We are on the move and the horizon is looking bright.

Sincerely,

Minkang Kim Sankey (SheSails Coordinator)

ILCA Delegate to the Sailing Committee
Annual Report
2023-2024 Sailing Season

- The ILCA Fleet conducted 25 Season Pointscore races of which 4 were abandoned for inclement weather during the year.
- The ILCA Fleet completed 6 Club Championship races during the year.
- The ILCA Fleet completed 12 Sprint Series races of which 3 were abandoned due to inclement weather or time limitations.

Congratulations go to our club champions – Adam French ILCA 7, Kevin Phillips ILCA 6 and Jonny Luther ILCA 4.

Running up in the Club Championship were – Jack Sprague ILCA7, Justine Gowland-Ella ILCA 6 and Max Browne ILCA 4.

In the Season Pointscore, congratulations go to – Adam French. John Sprague was runner up in the Season Pointscore, well done Adam and John.

In our Sprint Series the winner was Justine Gowland-Ella, congratulations Justine. She received the Ron Thompson Shield for her efforts.

Of special mention – George Slennett finally achieved having his name engraved on a trophy at 85 years of age taking out the John Rigg Trophy. Mark Greenwood took out the Charlie Clarke Trophy. Albert Rigoli received the Wally Cook Trophy.

ILCAs also sailed during winter with John Payne taking out the Len Walpole Shield for the Winter Series. Justine Gowland-Ella and Teresa Michell were awarded the Highlight Consulting Women on the Water Trophies.

We had 35 sailors registered for the season ranging in age in age from 14 to 85 years of age. We had 6 ladies enjoying ILCA sailing on the beautiful Brisbane Waters.

The ILCA Fleet would like to thank the GSC Board, various committees and the volunteers that allow us to go sailing throughout the year, your support of our sport is greatly appreciated.

Yours Sincerely

Brian Baker

ILCA delegate to the Sailing Committee 2023-2024 sailing season.

Contender Fleet Report

The Gosford Contender fleet have maintained a small but solid presence in the 23/24 season. Humps, Bucket and James have played the lead roles in terms of reliably racing although Bucket took some time out to see the world by foot, trekking in Nepal and South America.

Dave Law joined the fleet this year but quickly discovered the Contender clumsiness we have all experienced (not enough spare hands) and injured his knee so sat out the first 6 weeks. Lindsay Pike and Chris Radford were semi-regular and Paul Cohen (Contender Guru) joined us from Canberra in the first half of the season.

Tony Arends has taken on the task of becoming our national class builder and has a couple of orders already, as well as building his own boat, so we're hoping to see him on the water come September.

Sadly we lost Ross Hansen to the warmer climate of FNQ but rumour has it he's coming back and he still owns a boat! Club Champion for the 4th year in a row was Brian Pike (aka Bucket), proving his wins were no fluke!

The regatta circuit was fairly organised this year with states at Yarra Bay and Nationals at Paynesville.

We also managed a travellers trophy circuit through social media which saw some sailing at Sunshine on the lake but conditions conspired against us so trips to Balmoral and Batemans Bay were aborted at the last minute. There is lots of talk about repeating the travellers' trophy in the coming season.

One of the highlights of the season was a Contender bootcamp hosted by Point Clare sailing club. We had a great roll up and spent two days practicing together. John Sprague volunteered as starter and ran a succession of practice starts from his yacht. The breeze cooperated (a nice SE'r) so well that he didn't have to leave his mooring and we all got a much needed tune up prior to the main regattas. I'm sure we'll do the same again this coming season.

We have a lot to look forward to in the year ahead. States at Sunshine in November, Nat's at Humpybong, Qld in January and then the Worlds at Lake Garda, Italy in July. At least 4 of us are planning to attend the wife-friendly/sailing mecca venue of Garda but that could inflate as the event approaches.

If we can get Tony Arends back on the water this year and the Pike family contributes 3 boats (Riley's a local again now) we could have a substantial fleet.

My son Sam is threatening to rejoin us given the prospect of a trip to Garda so we could see as many as 9-10 boats with Ross Hansen returning and Paul Cohen and Andre Webster travelling from Canberra to make a few cameos.

James Ellis

RC Division

The RC division has for many years operated as an adjunct to the main sailing activities of the Gosford Sailing Club.

In 2023 there was a change to the way the Division was being coordinated and with that several changes were made to the direction and focus of the Division.

Those changes included, how our racing was being conducted, the focus on communication within the Division and an expansion of our activities beyond just social sailing

Before we outline the plan, it is worth understanding a little more about the RC class and the rapid growth it has been experiencing in the recent years.

The RC division sail one design – out of the box RC yachts - DF 65 and DF 95 – the numbers indicate the length of each yacht.

The growth of the DF sailing community and the Australian DF Radio Sailing Association Inc. - November 2023

The Association was formed in 2017 and continues to enjoy strong growth with members reaching over 1,800, however, we know that many more DF boat owners are not members of the Association. A reasonable estimate is that it could be 2 to 3 times the number of members – 3,700 to 5,500 as at August 2023.

In the last 5 years:

- we are consistently seeing over 23 new members joining per month.
- Each new member has an average of 1.3 boats.
- Most members prefer the DF65.
 - Most spend about \$300 on parts and upgrades throughout the season

	New Members	Members per month	65	95	% of 65	Boats per member
2019	299	24.9	207	159	57%	1.2
2020	300	25.0	274	122	69%	1.3
2021	332	27.7	264	112	70%	1.1
2022	291	24.3	252	128	66%	1.3
2023 YTD	231	23.1	164	90	65%	1.1
Total Membership	1,846		1,631	738	69%	1.3

State	Members	DF65	DF95
ACT	17	16	2
NSW	521	494	160
NT	3	3	0
QLD	466	381	208
SA	148	155	62
TAS	98	85	66
VIC	235	225	99
WA	287	258	133
Unknown	7		
Total	1,782	1,617	730

We have about 25/30 registered sailors and regular cohort of 13- 14 skippers joining us on the water each week. Our sailing numbers have grown for from about 9 on aver to about 14 per racing event for the DF 65 class.

We have some solid plans for the RC Group to help build participation and expand what we offer.

I see the group having three pillars:

- Connecting with the community
- Conducting competitions
- Companionship and social engagement for all participants.

Community – we believe in engaging at all levels to attract youth to the group and those who would like to take up the sport or have been in the sport for a while but require a different format.

Competitions- Construct a program of regular club and inter-club competitions that help build the skills level with recognition for the results achieved.

Companionship – act like the “**Men’s Shed on the Water**” providing a low risk /low cost to participate in activities for all where the learning does not stop. The opportunity to meet likeminded individuals who provide social support is key.

Our planned activities to support the above include

1. Inter club competitions – other clubs from the local areas come to sail/compete against the Gosford team and we then go and compete against their team.
2. Run a Df 65 regatta which attracts other clubs from within NSW as a one-day event.
3. Establish a school holiday program – learn to Sail RC – supported by the ADFRS Association
4. Conduct Father/Grandfather sailing events where family members (Grand/son grand/daughter etc) are sailing as a team.
5. Extend the RC sailing to include additional Class I.e the DF 95
6. Incorporate Terrigal Lagoon as part of GSC RC division racing venue

Activities within 2023

Our Inter club competitions have now become a regular part of our racing fixtures and have gained in popularity with both Mid north coast and Sydney clubs joining. (25 skippers registered to sail at the next event)

The Inter club competition is primarily between Wangi- Wangi club and they currently hold the trophy and have 2 -1 wins against Gosford.

2023 saw the expansion of the fleet with the introduction of the DF 95 class – numbers are growing and we have plans to extend the racing to other clubs as part of our inter club events in 24/25 season.

DF 95 Class Racing



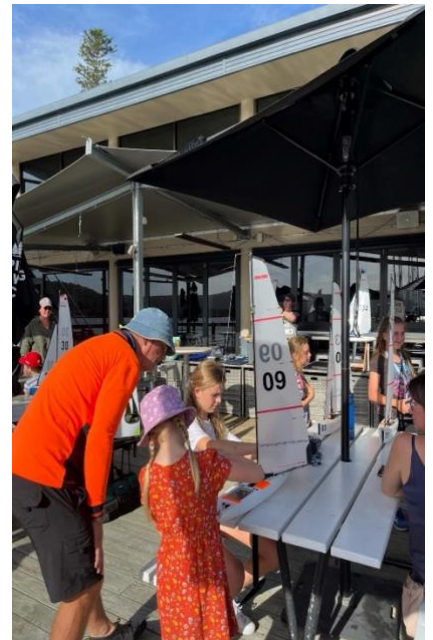
Junior Sailing Events

With the support of the Gosford Sailing Academy the RC division hosted 2 events for junior sailors where they were able to experience the fun of sailing the DF 65 Radio control yachts.

The goal of the event was to help provide another dimension to the junior sailing courses run by the Gosford Sailing Club and at the same time provide some fun and the opportunity to put their newly acquired skills to the test via some racing.

The program involved a short briefing about the RC controls and sail settings for the conditions.

With the assistance of the volunteers/mentors, we put that all into practice with some short course racing.



Our Plans for 2024

We will continue to focus on the core values

- Connecting with the community
- Conducting competitions
- Companionship and social engagement for all participants

Our community program – junior sailing has now become a specific feature in our sailing calendar with 5 Junior sailing events scheduled in the 24/25 calendar.

Our Inter club competitions will expand to include both DF 65 and DF 95 classes and a Three club inter club events.

We will endeavor to become an affiliated club allowing us to host State-based racing events i.e. state titles and wider inter club events.

Grow of numbers of regular sailors by offering more regular events.

Thanks

Mark Ferguson
RC Division Coordinator

Gosford Sailing Club Central Coast Etchells Fleet Fleet Captains Report - Season 2023-24

The Gosford fleets season started with the hard stand full with 11 Etchells. Sailing commenced with the opening Sprint series won by AUS991 Tally Ho.

The season was closely contested with 6 boats winning races, average race fleet of 6 -7 and a 100% fleet turn out for many races.

The overall series scoring system for this season summed the finishing positions in the individual Spring, Summer, Autumn series. This resulted in even closer competition all the way to the last races of the season with little separating boats in the season point score or the club championship. The season point score results: 1st AUS991 Tally Ho, 2nd AUS869 HUH?, 3rd AUS970 Pointless. Club Champion AUS970 Pointless.

The Gosford fleet travelled to a number of events with AUS1450 African Queen as the leading travelling boat attending the Nationals, NSW States, winter harbour regattas and with "The Don" made the continental cross to Perth for the worlds.

The fleet are looking forward to the upcoming seasons regattas, the worlds in Melbourne, the nationals and NSW states.

Fleet Development, currently there is space for two Etchells at the club and we look forward to welcoming new boats.

Thanks to the GSC sailing management and volunteers for their ongoing support of our sport and the Etchells fleet.

Best wishes to all fleets for an uninterrupted season from the Central Coast Etchells Fleet.

George Johnstone
Gosford Fleet Captain

Yacht Captain Report 2023-2024



Thanks are extended to all members of the Yacht Division, and crucially to every member who is part of a yacht crew. Yacht owners would not be able to participate in events without yacht crews. The season was a busy one, with many series run, including inshore, offshore, interclub, nationals, night races, sprint, Twilights, and short-handed sailing.

There were a few challenges, but all series were run successfully and without incident. Our safety record stands!



The Twilight evening series were especially successful in terms of absorbing sailors from the Learn to Sail program into yacht crews, with new yachts also joining the series. There were on occasion more than 30 yachts in the fleet representing on average about 150 crew members.



The interclub relationship with Saratoga has grown and some of their members sail with us, as some of our members sail with them. This gives rise to community strength in sailing.

I would like to thank all the volunteer members who volunteered on and off the water to bring results, set handicaps, laid courses, and assisted crew members to join yachts. All done with grace and tireless support for everyone.



Having passed the baton, I would like to welcome the new Yacht Captain, Peter Walsh, along with his great support committee, and look forward to the coming season.

Nigel Short





Gosford Sailing Club Yacht Fleet Winners 2023-2024

Inshore Spring Series

Division 1

- 1 Gem - **Mike Alsop**
- 2 Geriatric Express – **Tony McPhee**
- 3 Next Light – **Tony Clark**

Division 2

- 1 Enjoy – **Greg Cook**
- 2 Even Finer – **Penny & Geoff Dilworth**
- 3 SeaFox – **Aimee & Jamie Graham**

Division 3

- 1 Wirraway – **Doug Skewes**
- 2 Elusive Spirit - **Bob Swan**
- 3 Ohno– **Denis Critchley**

Inshore Summer Series

Division 1

- 1 Azzurro – **Ron Spinner**
- 2 Rascal – **Peter Walsh**
- 3 Rakali- **Charlie Hill**

Division 2

- 1 Sabrina – **John Sprague**
- 2 SeaFox – **Aimee & Jamie Graham**
- 3 Devil's Lair – **Paul Gulliksen**

Division 3

- 1 Elusive Spirit - **Bob Swan**
- 2 Wirraway – **Doug Skewes**
- 3 Eggsilante – **John Egger**

Inshore Overall Point Score

Division 1

- 1 Gem - **Mike Alsop**
- 2 Geriatric Express – **Tony McPhee**
- 3 Azzurro – **Ron Spinner**

Division 2

- 1 Sabrina – **John Sprague**
- 2 SeaFox – **Aimee & Jamie Graham**
- 3 Sweet Chariot – **Sarah & Michael Brennan**

Division 3

- 1 Wirraway – **Doug Skewes**
- 2 Elusive Spirit - **Bob Swan**
- 3 Ohno– **Denis Critchley**

Sprint Series / Ormesher Trophy

Division 1

- 1 Azzurro – **Ron Spinner**
- 2 Beluga – **Beverley Small**
- 3 Geriatric Express – **Tony McPhee**

Division 2

- 1 Devil's Lair – **Paul Gulliksen**
- 2 Sabrina – **John Sprague**
- 3 Sweet Chariot – **Sarah & Michael Brennan**

Division 3

- 1 Eggsilante – **John Egger**
- 2 Wirraway – **Doug Skewes**
- 3 Swagman – **Elisa James**

Twilight Point Score

Division 1

- 1 Beluga – **Beverley Small**
- 2 Animal Farm – **David Rowe**
- 3 Gem - **Mike Alsop**

Division 2

- 1 Enjoy – **Greg Cook**
- 2 Solero – **Stephen Luther**
- 3 Miss Manukau – **Nigel Short**

Division 3

- 1 Elusive Spirit - **Bob Swan**
- 2 Wirraway – **Doug Skewes**
- 3 La Polo – **Bruce Shipton**

Australia Day

Division 1

- 1 Beluga – **Beverley Small**
- 2 Aeolian – **Bruce Thomas**
- 3 Gem - **Mike Alsop**

Division 2

- 1 Miss Manukau – **Nigel Short**
- 2 Transaction – **Bill Brand**
- 3 Danielle – **Lilly & Terry Calley**

Division 3

- 1 Bakawari – **James Brigden**
- 2 Eggsilante – **John Egger**
- 3 La Polo – **Bruce Shipton**

ORCi Club Champion

Division 1

- 1 Gem - **Mike Alsop**
- 2 Azzurro – **Ron Spinner**
- 3 Rascal – **Peter Walsh**

Division 2

- 1 Devil's Lair – **Paul Gulliksen**
- 2 Even Finer – **Penny & Geoff Dilworth**

Club Yacht of the Year

- 1 - Sabrina – **John Sprague**

Night Race

Division 1

- 1 Miss Manukau – **Nigel Short**
- 2 Transaction – **Bill Brand**
- 3 Elusive Spirit - **Bob Swan**

Gosford Legends Regatta

Division 1

- 1 Rakali- **Charlie Hill**
- 2 Next Light – **Tony Clark**
- 3 Rascal – **Peter Walsh**

Division 2

- 1 Sabrina – **John Sprague**
- 2 Dark Star – **Roy Leslie**
- 3 SeaFox – **Aimee & Jamie Graham**

Division 3

- 1 Wirraway – **Doug Skewes**
- 2 Elusive Spirit - **Bob Swan**
- 3 Ohno– **Denis Critchley**