

Social Sub Committee Report March 2025

Social Committee Members Karen Johns, Chair, Margaret Rowe, Sub Chair, Cath Hurley General Committee Representative Committee, Sue Cassidy, Tony Hennessy, Karen McCloskey, Kenn Williamson, Jacqui Provis, Joyce Cosgrove (standing as chairperson while Karen Johns is overseas) and Claire Richmond

The commencement of 2024-25 sailing season was celebrated with a sneak peak under the sea. The yachts that completed the opening day sail past were crewed by mermaids, jelly fish and King Neptune or was that Sponge Bob Square Pants. A spirited start to our 150th year!

The Social Committee have continued with the program of Friday recognition nights, including guest speaker Diver Dan, whose introduction was picked up by the Cruising Group for a more extensive session at one of their monthly dinner meetings, and getting to know more about the fabulous program of Sailing Lifts Your Spirits. We plan to maintain this initiative that brings additional energy into the members bar on Friday nights. Any ideas are welcome!

In December we bid Farewell and Fairwinds, to our sailors who were racing and participating in regattas both inside and outside the bay. Then in February after a hectic January when our club hosted the Etchells Worlds, we celebrated the return to club sailing with a BYO everything barbecue on the hard stand.

The members bar was awash with flowers and hearts on Friday 14th February when members were asked to book a table for dinner and enjoy a themed cocktail. This year we celebrated St. Patrick's Day with a lunch event on Sunday 16th March with members dressed in green. Then on 11th July join us to celebrate a winter Christmas with all the trimmings.

I am happy to report that the Smart Class initiative that was championed by Sue Cassidy will continue this winter, and be run by the Sailing Office.

In addition the Social Committee is active supporting our 150th year anniversary events including the promotion of the ball and the Empty Marina Regatta.

Karen Johns
Social Sub Committee Chair
28th February 2025