

2017 AGM - Commodore Report

I needn't remind you how great last season was as we hardly missed a race day. This season we had the opposite, as many days were un-sailable, but nevertheless it was still nice to be at the Club and catch up with fellow members.

When we could get on the water we had good size fleet numbers all season. I know in 4th division we had some really competitive sailing days. It has been a challenging season on the water, so the trophy winners at presentation night were worthy winners. It goes without saying the challenging season put our Club Captain Col Dods and the Sailing Committee to the test, but they were able to make the best of what was presented to maximise our sailing time. On behalf of the sailing members I would like to thank you all.

I spent a couple of Saturday mornings amongst the sailing school crowd. Many of our youth are involved as assistant coaches and it is very encouraging seeing them pass on their sailing knowledge to new sailors. Our training classes were all full, & there were plenty of new faces helping out.

As I mentioned at presentation, this will be my last year as Commodore. About 7 years ago I completed the course to become a sailing instructor, and I did this for a couple of years before it lead me on to joining the general committee. After many years sailing and enjoying what the club has to offer I thought it was about my turn to make a small contribution back to the club, not knowing what that entailed or where that my lead me.

Without question it has been a thoroughly rewarding experience. The old saying "you only get out of something what you are willing to put in" is very true here. There are many dedicated volunteers willing to turn up each week to support the club. Working with people I would not normally cross paths with has for me been one of the most rewarding experiences being Commodore. I would strongly encourage anyone thinking of getting involved on a committee to do so.

It has been an honour to serve the McCrae Yacht Club as Commodore. I feel the club is in great shape and I know I will be leaving it in very capable hands. I trust the membership will continue to provide the new Commodore with the same great support that I received. I am sincerely thankful for the support I have received from the general committee members, in particular Mark O'Brien as Vice Commodore, David Briggs as Rear Commodore and Campbell Miles as Secretary. They have all made my job so much easier to do.

I would also like to thank the great support I have received from all the volunteer members, and in particular I would like to thank Lyn Johannsen & Peter Merritt for their wise counsel and encouragement.

Last of all I would like to thank my wife Amanda & family who were always there offering support and encouragement.

I look forward to seeing you all at the club next season.

Warm regards

Paul Jenkins
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