

General Meeting 2020-02-16

Rear Commodore Report

1. Regattas:

Monomasters and Heron Nationals see attached reports.

Upcoming is the three day Easter Regatta in conjunction with the Javelin Championships and the Hobie State Titles. Besides the Hobie and Javelin cohorts I had an expression of Finns to come in larger numbers.

NOR and draft SI are online and the registration is open. We already received 3 registrations from sailors who seem to be very well organised several months in advance.

We still need people to volunteer on rescue boats. Please help out in your club. **If you help out one day on the water and like to sail the other two days your regatta entry fees may be waved.**

2. Club racing:

The summer series is concluded. 42 entries. Only 9 of the 14 scheduled races were held. Jane and Jenny achieved first place.

Special mention must go to Dave Elsome, who after long years as duty officer, reduced his load a little and decided to join the fun on some weekends. He learned sailing, started racing and achieved a third place in the PBH overall results. Congratulations!

The boat duty roster still has too many gaps. The sailing committee does not wish to cancel racing, so please help out. You will receive advantageous duty points as the winners of the past series can attest to.

Special mention must go to Timo Boersma who is volunteering every single weekend helping on the water. Timo also was helping Rhonda in the kitchen and during NYE, while being on the water every day during the Heron Regatta. And now Timo is even taking on some of Tony's jobs while he is on holidays. Thank you very much, Timo!

3. Membership:

A 50% reduction in fees is available when registering as a new member for the remainder of the season.

Australian Sailing (AS) rule change: Crew at the moment are allowed to participate in 3 races without being a member of an AS affiliated club. From 2021 onwards crews must be AS members.

LCSC has introduced a temporary membership with a \$10 SailPass for one day. This allows crews to become members for a day at a time, or allows people interested in sailing to come along for a few sessions before they commit to full membership. The SailPass registration is available online. Anybody purchasing a SailPass becomes a temporary AS member and their details are in our and in the AS database.

4. Safety Officer:

This position is still open. Would be good if someone could step up and update the Safety Management Plan.

2019 Monomasters report

54 entries, substantially less than in previous season with 96.

Conditions:

10-16 knots increasing 12-19 on Saturday. 40° turning to 0°.

11-17 knots on Sunday increasing to 13-20 (gusts to 30 at the end of racing). 0°.

Course:

Two different sized triangles.

Goal: eliminate waiting time with shorter first race when back to back racing is scheduled.

Original plan of 1 morning race on Sunday and 2 back to back after lunch was changed to 3 races with AP over H lunch break because of strong wind forecast. Race 4 was finished at 12:30 with increasing winds and already more and more capsizes. Lunch break was indicated. Not even a handful of boats wished to come out after lunch so the last race was cancelled.

On Saturday the gybe mark ended up below the red marker in the second race because the start boat was too close to the western shore in the 0° wind. **GPS coordinates for start boat/bottom mark** position in all wind directions would be beneficial.

In all races the bottom mark was too close to the start line obstruction. **Better have the start boat at least 1/3 up the course.**

Incidents:

No incidents besides a multitude of capsizes on both days.

RL 24 SK capsized after a Chinese gybe. Mast in mud.

Rescue personnel should be made aware about preferred mast in mud rescues before the regatta weekend.

Registration:

Online registration - 76% (41) competitors registered online, 17 of those did not pay online. 1 did pay but not show up, some more paid meals on Saturday morning.

Food:

60 meals sold. Rhonda and team did an outstanding job again and early breakfast and lunch option from the canteen was very well received by customers.

Same comments as in Cat Challenge report: system in place worked well.

Emptying bins on Saturday night and Sunday afternoon needs to be rostered.

Results:

Posting Saturday's results on Facebook achieved over 70 hits on the website within 3 hours.

Scorer should take a scan/copy of time record sheets home to be able to correct results if necessary.

2019/2020 Heron Nationals report

1. 54 boats entered and positive feedback was received.
5 days of sailing with 1 January a lay day.
2. Tony was PRO, helped on all days by Timo on the start boat and Charlie on a RIB. Additionally there were 14 other club members helping with on water duties on different days. Two RIBs and 1 course setting boat were used each day. In the benign conditions with this type of sailing boat that was an overkill and **one RIB could have been left on shore as stand by.**
3. The SI were not fitting to what we could offer but were amended during the briefing. In future I will **check earlier and better what the "customers" plan** to do.
4. Gentle winds allowed for the planned two races per day without mishaps but the Heron starting culture is questionable with **multiple general recalls** delaying starts. There was one minor incident with a collision resulting in a broken goose-neck. The victim initially was unaware of redress options. The Herons' own protest committee allowed a redress time limit extension, granting average points to the victim and disqualifying the culprit boat. Overall Herons seem fairly relaxed regarding rules even during the Nationals and focus more on learning and enjoyment it seems.
5. The finish at the top mark and start at the bottom mark as wished for by the Herons delayed the starts in back to back racing. Because of the fairly short course lengths for Heron boats (YS=145) there is the option to reset the course of a second race so that the previous top mark - finish line becomes the new bottom mark - start line. This would allow the finish boat to stay in place and would allow sailors not to have to sail all the way down to the other end of the course again, therefore would significantly shorten the waiting time in between races.
6. On the last two days I did the **results from home via email** and this went fairly smoothly so remains an option for the future. Regatta results (excluding the invitation race) were given for scratch and PBH. Initial PBHs were based on the last calculated PBH after all 8 scheduled races had been sailed. There was not too much difference between the PBHs after race 4 and after race 8 so for this group earlier determined initial PBHs could have been left unchanged.
The results webpage on our website proved very popular with **over 3500 hits** during the week. It was diligently updated by Russell, who also did a great job on Facebook..
7. Rhonda kept the canteen open for breakfast and lunch on the first two days, which was very well received by the Herons.
The Herons were also allowed to use the club's BBQ for dinner on two nights and during NYE there were food stalls at the street party in front of the club. They had their final presentation dinner at the pub and invited Tony, Timo and Charlie.
8. Overall Herons are a very pleasant group to host regattas for. This is independent of that they gave us lovely boxes of chocolate as thank you notes :)