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A note from Eli ...

What incredible changes are taking place in the World.....thousands of people dying in Europe because of the Corona Virus, and we are here in Australia, thousands of Kilometres away, virtually under lockdown and trying our hardest to keep the virus under control. Every person is trying their utmost to stay healthy, and to avoid the spread of this deadly virus. Who would have thought just a few short weeks ago that we would have to stop sailing, stop going out for meals, the gym would be closed, and everything we always took for granted would be off our menu.

But this is what has happened.

I want to let everyone know that we are thinking of them, and working as hard as we can to remain fit and healthy, so that when we are finally allowed to do so, we can get our Sailability going again, stronger and better than ever.

So much to look forward to...a healthy workplace, clear skies, everyone back to work, and everyone we know healthy enough to enjoy it. We are thinking of you all every day, hoping that we see your smiling faces back at Sailability soon.

Things that have been postponed will be just around the corner when we get going again.....

The Women's Challenge....so keep this in mind to stay healthy and fit.

Our 25th Anniversary Dinner coming up as soon as we can book the hall again.

Hopefully, our end of season and end of year Regatta...possibly combined this year.

So much to look forward to in the coming months.

We care about you, and are thinking of you every day.

Note from the editor

It is a very brief Signals this month as early in the month we had inclement weather and then the world for everyone changed very quickly with the Corona Virus. Sailability NSW took responsible action and cancelled all Sailability activities – on and off land – until further notice. We appreciate their decisive decision making.

So the one Sailability activity that did occur was the regatta at Coomba Park. Here is the story.

Hansa NSW State Titles 2020



The crew talking tactics

Coomba Park Aquatic Club did a great job hosting the event for the second time. Three weeks of much needed heavy rain meant their building and landscape works weren't quite complete. When finished this will be an excellent facility. Wallis Lake is wide open with true breezes offering very good and fair sailing. There were eight branches represented.

It was great to see Peter Stokes from Taree.

Two 2.3s sailed, Allan Jones doing better on Saturday and Alyse Saxby better on Sunday and then winning on a count back.

The 303 singles racing was very tight, the first four boats finishing with low scores. Allister Peek ACT winning with 8 points, Jonathan Frearson (Coomba Aquatic Club) on 11 points, Bronwyn Ponder ACT on 13 points and Michael Burnett Manly 14 points. Michael the big improver attending only his third regatta.

The 303 doubles again had very tight races with four different heat winners. Unfortunately Dennis Linney, Manly broke his boom on Sunday after being very competitive on Saturday. Sarah Plunkett and John Sanderson Dobroyd 9 points retained the title, Colin and Brad Alderton Port Stephens 10 points and Nathaniel Quan and Margaret Sanderson Dobroyd 13 points.

It was great to have three Liberties competing, thank you to Allan Jones and Crystal Bay for supplying them and Allan for making two trips to and from Sydney. Jason Elwes first, Port Stephens, Doug Monk, Port Stephens next and then Brett Stevenson, Middle Harbour.

An on water challenge was avoiding the streams of floating sea grass, picking up weed made you very slow and did impact the results of all at various times.

A big thank you to Terry Peek for his top quality race management. The committee at Coomba Park and the volunteers did a sterling job. The dinner on Saturday night a highlight.



Boats spread over the course



Michael and Eli in Ralph Newman – 3rd place!



Ivan and Denis in Woody – 1st place!

Full results:-

http://www.sailingresults.com.au/ScoreItV2/Public/Templates/Default/index.php?event_id=939 Or Google ScoreIT.



In readiness for the regatta to begin



Ouch! Alan Jones from Crystal Bay with a broken mast



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