

# Hi Everyone,

TIP1: The next paragraph can be skipped to the good stuff if you're short of time.



A quick introduction. I am Rob Sly your new Commodore and am pleased to take on this role in challenging but exciting times. I have been with MYC for the last 15 years and have sailed initially Woteva (because I couldn't come up with a name) a Sunmaid 20 then Caz, a Castle 650 and recently acquired Maranne a 28 foot Gurney built by Alan Horsham. I am married to Felicity and have three grown up girls and I work at Don College as an IT nerd running the computer network. I had my own business Coastal Business Machines for 18 years prior to selling and retiring to be a public servant. A photo so you know who to avoid or confront. Please introduce yourself if you see me about. Be prepared I am lousy at remembering names. Please continue to read the rest of the newsletter it all gets a lot more interesting from here on.

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It is my intention to stay on for a two year term as long as the members are happy for me to do so.

## **MAJOR ANNOUNCEMENT**

MYC has been accepted to host the National Laser Championships between 26<sup>th</sup> December 2018 and 4<sup>th</sup> January 2019. We can expect 200 to 300 Laser competitors including the current Rio Olympic gold medallist as well as previous Olympic and world champions. The event will draw hundreds of additional supporters to the Devonport area. This is a major event and we will use it to leverage funding for upgrading facilities at the MYC. Very exciting. Imagine 200 Lasers heading down the river and watching them race from the bluff. This will bring back memories for the oldies of Melbourne to Devonport races with a marquee and band on the grass and a big New Year celebration!

**STAPLES sponsorship.** A Konica Minolta colour MFC copier printer supplied free of charge will be installed this Thursday the 6<sup>th</sup> of July by Staples. It will give us cheaper faster and greater capacity with A3 scanning, printing and stapling. I see this will help us to conduct events and offer our clients better infrastructure to use the club for training. This will replace the 14 year old B/W copier. This is a \$6000 dollars' worth of hardware so many thanks to Adrian Mann of Staples for arranging this for us.

Finally the new lift has started to be installed. There has been a few glitches but we are hopeful it will be finally operation in the near future.

## **Acknowledgements**

Thank you to Mark Stephenson and his board for the past two years a fantastic effort during what has been a difficult time for the MYC. Calm, steady, intelligent and always a gentleman. I can't claim the same lofty standards will be met by the new Commodore. I can see Andrew Ayton nodding his head in agreement as he reads this. A high bar has been set and I look forward to the challenges ahead.

The Marshall Engineering Winter Series has just been concluded with a full bar last Saturday and good banter about me coming last. An award for the wooden spoon is on the card in the future.

A sincere thank you to Brian of Marshal Engineering continuing to sponsor this event for the last 12 years. It remains the only winter sailing program on the coast and it is a great opportunity for MYC to host sailors from other clubs.

A big shout out to Keri-lee Jamison for her catering on Saturdays after the races. It is great to have the food to look forward to after the event and greatly contributes to the camaraderie by encouraging people to stay on for a chat and a few drinks. Greatly appreciated.

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