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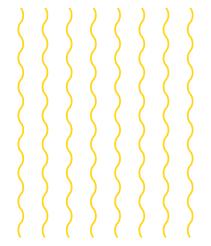
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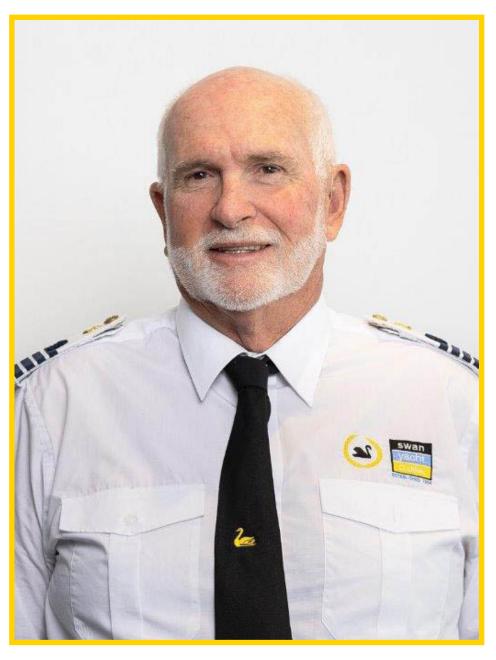
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Greetings Fellow Members,

Commodore's Report



Greetings Members,

The end of financial year has rolled around again and despite adverse financial impact caused by the gradual reduction of pen availability on Jetty 5 (we have taken pens out of service when damage has occurred) we can report another outstanding surplus for the financial year. The surplus can be attributed to our team maintaining an environment of strict cost controls and spending constraints, supported by the strong patronage from our wonderful Members. Congratulations to Damien and his team for another successful year.

The Jetty 5 replacement project has advanced well and while waiting for the final approval from Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA), Tenders have been issued, via TenderLink's AdCentre. We have 18 individual respondents from around Australia participating in the tender, so we are confident that the successful contractor will deliver the best value and quality for our investment.

Our new Jetty 5 facility will be a world class floating jetty structure,



incorporating wave remediation technology, designed to greatly reduce boat wash damage to our Members boats and Club infrastructure. It is an exciting project and is already sparking interest from Members that are wishing to utilise the floating jetty infrastructure and will present our Club as extremely attractive to prospective new boating members.

This has been a difficult year for your Committee, juggling the riverside greening mandates of Government, with desires and needs of our Members regarding the Club slipway's entanglement in the DBCA approval process.

Enormous effort has been applied to the negotiation process by Committee, in dealing your with Member's frustration and sometimes Government Department intransigence whilst always maintaining real focus on containing costs and achieving best design outcomes for the benefit of our Membership into the future.

I sincerely thank the Committee and management for their enormous efforts, and while some interactions have been forthright, I also thank all Members for their input into developing this magnificent addition to the Club's marine infrastructure.

Once costs for the Jetty 5 works are fully developed and the funds allocated, your Committee is committed to developing a modern boat lifting and maintenance facility, designed to incorporate a safe and compliant environment for Members.

Our AGM was held on Wednesday 23rd August with disappointing attendance members, to the extent that a quorum was barely achieved. The AGM is an important meeting for Members, where the management team provide full disclosure of our Club's performance over the previous year and provides an opportunity for Members to raise suggestions for improvements in all areas of our Club's operations.

With less than 10% of Members choosing to attend the AGM your Committee is resolved to develop a strategy to ensure stronger attendance for future meetings. Several attending Members proposed that the points system be reintroduced as an incentive to gain better representation from Members at these events. Your Committee will consider all options to be on the table when addressing this issue.

I take this opportunity to thank all Committee and staff members for their outstanding efforts over the past year and in particular our two committee members who are standing down this year.

Firstly, Treasurer James Turnbull, James has excelled in the role as Treasurer for the past 8 years, delivering a professional assessment of our monthly and annual accounting outcomes, while maintaining a conservative approach to capital expenditure, always prioritising Members long term benefits when debating within the Committee room. Thank you, James and all the best with returning to work and family commitments.

Secondly Kim Sorrell who has also served on Committee for the past 8 years. Kim has been a valuable Committee member, championing the aspirations of our long-term boating Members. Kim has spent many hours around the Club and his quirky sense of humour will be sorely missed at our meetings.

I also congratulate and welcome our new Treasurer, Andrew Siegert and new Committee member Brad Jurovich to Committee and look forward to working with them over the next year.

Congratulations to Paul Davies and Jonathon Riley who have been re-elected to their roles on Committee.

A big thank you, also to the nominees who just missed out at the election, all nominees attracted over 50 votes, indicating solid support from the Members for each nominee.

On a personal note, I look forward to moving into my second year as Commodore with aspirations to not only complete the Jetty 5 project and to develop further new and exciting projects incorporated in Our Club's 20-year plan, but to also foster enhancement in Member's overall experience when using our Club's marina and clubhouse facilities.

I encourage all Members to utilise our facilities and participate in Club events, showcasing the commitment and enthusiasm that has built our Club's reputation as being the friendliest Yacht Club on the river.

Regards,

Steven Browne - Commodore



Hello Members,

Vice Commodore's Report



Hello Members,

Welcome to our overdue Cygnus.

Open Mooring Meeting

At our last Open Mooring Meeting we had two guest presenters, Greg Comiskey from the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions. Greg gave us an outline of how DBCA operates in relation to our Club.

Something I noted in Greg's presentation was that he pointed out, at least six times, we do not own the land our Club is on, the land is gazetted as public parks and gardens, is Crown land, and DBCA controls it. I suppose the analogy to use is that of DBCA is our landlord and we are the tenants. Greg was making this point to emphasise the authority DBCA had to mandate the green space around much of "our" water-facing land.

Our second guest speaker was Ben Carruthers from SFM Marine. SFM Marine and our Club recently signed a contract making SFM our main on



water sponsor.

Ben gave us an outline of the services and products available to our members. Our members can get substantial discounts from SFM Marine.

Jetty 5 Update

Our application to replace Jetty 5 is with DBCA and we have put the final plans out to tender. In fact, by the time you read this, tenders may have closed.

We have done everything we can to ensure the Is are dotted and the Ts are crossed so there should be no major obstacles or delays in getting through the 6-9-month official approval process.

In the latest plan of Jetty 5, pens on the North side of Jetty 6 will be angled, on the South side most if not all will be at 90 degrees to the jetty, except for the four pens nearest to Jetty 6.

Once the tenders are in, we will be able to estimate the costings better and know where we stand financially for other projects.

Snubbers

Weights and Chains on the jetty side of pens must be replaced with Club Approved Snubbers by the end of September.

Approved snubbers are available from the office.

Please do not use grinders to remove the weights and chains. The Club has a sparkless grinder you can borrow if you need to cut chains or shackles etc.

Pile Rings

We have six pile rings (picture below) to test. They may already be installed in a trial by the time you get to read this.

If successful we will be able to gradually replace weights and chains on piles across the whole of the marina. These rings will reduce the sideways pull on the piles and make it easier to tie up air berths and docky dock type installations as well as our boats.



Rope Hanger Mounts.

Something else we are going to test is Rope Hanger Mounts. These ones attach to the piles via composite polymer bands.

We have ordered enough to test about six pens for an initial trial.



Great Ideas Come from Members

Something I once heard an incredibly wise man say.

"The good old days were never as good as we remember. Time and time again life has proven, we cannot go back to what was. We can only try and make things better than they are now."

If you have ideas on improvements we can make, please contact me.

Mark Maczkowiak

Vice Commodore



Hello Members,

Rear Commodore's Report



Hello Members.

The past 12 months has proven to be extremely challenging for the Hospitality industry.

The challenges have included:

- Unprecedented labour shortages
 Extremely hard to find chefs, kitchen staff and bar staff
- Record inflation of above 7%

Cost increases in bar and huge increase in cost of goods for galley

• 11 interest rate increases to RBA cash rate

Our members have less disposable income

What did we do:

- We employed SYC's first apprentice. We had been talking about it for years but we actually did it.
- Engaged existing employee Finlay Thorley as 1st year apprentice in May after being with us for ~ 6 months

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- We increased our focus on group bookings and events:
- e.g., Celebrations of life (Wakes) increase in number and revenue
 - Provided stability for revenue
- Looked at opportunities to increase value to our members:
- Listened to our members who said the price of beer had gone up and was too expensive.
- We engaged with a new beer supplier who worked with us to deliver two new \$8 pints all day every day to our members. This actually costs on \$7.20 for our full boating members. Where can you get a beer for circa \$7 nowadays? Swan Yacht Club that's where.

In fact we have 4 beers under \$8 which continues to provide value to our full and social member base.

The main aim for the year was

to continue to provide maximum surplus from our operations to be injected back into major capital projects for you, our boating members which I'm proud to say we done in an extremely challenging environment as detailed above.

On top of this we also had the following achievements for the year:

- Commodores Ball 170 + people largest in recent history
- Opening of the Season 45 boats largest in recent history incorporated an opening of season party
- Melbourne Cup 700+ people which produced a large surplus event

I now handover the House portfolio to Mark Mac and look forward to

the managing the mooring portfolio and the challenges of executing a major project for the long term benefit of the club.

I would also like to add my thanks to the House Committee and specifically Dave Poxon – Operations manager House. I want everyone to acknowledge the hard work and effort that Dave puts in. Some events like Melbourne cup etc involve Dave coming in at 6am to ensure everything is perfect.

Well done Dave and the House team.

Troy Cawthan

Rear Commodore



Hello Members,

General Manager's Report



This season we were proud to have launched the disability hoist and in addition a specialized hearing solution for the Brian Turpin Boardroom that dynamically adjusts sound to improve the environment for all listeners with hearing impairment.

The Club is committed to ensuring that our community is an accessible and inclusive community for people with disabilities, their families, and carers.

Thank you to those members who volunteered their energy towards these two outstanding projects.

Your management has also been actively participating in a set of workshops and seminars throughout the season hosted by the Town of East Fremantle, including the Water Sensitive Cities Workshop and the Coastal Hazard Risk Management Adaption Plan. The team will continue working with our key stakeholders towards best practice environmental initiatives.

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Our Jetty 5 redevelopment program and Twenty-Year Master Plan, as previously mentioned is now before the Department of Biodiversity Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) for assessment. Last month, Greg Comiskey, Manager, Statutory Assessments Unit, Rivers, and Estuaries Branch summarized to members the key focus of the Department for future foreshore development.

The prompt for the master plan process was the imminent need to replace Jetty Five. As part of the replacement approvals a masterplan was required to ensure all outcomes provide uplift and acceptable development outcomes not only directly for the club members but also the greater public and for the ongoing safety and enjoyment of the Swan River.

Walkway upgrades near the entrance to Jetty Two provided an immediate uplift to the shared public amenity. The commencement of the green space works is now pending. The overall green space and public walkways will see further re-alignment with an aim to enhance the overall area for both members and those using the general river foreshore area.

SFM and The Boat Business have officially been welcomed aboard as our On Water Partner. The benefits of the partnership include 20% boat lifting, launch and hardstand. For the full list of benefits including discounted services from The Boat Business tell them you are from the Swan!

The pile replacement program kept the Marina Manager busy with nineteen piles replaced throughout the season. The club is working towards a similar number of piles to be replaced excluding works directly related to Jetty Five Redevelopment works.



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Back on land, this season's Corporate Challenge was an outstanding success with a record number of members businesses participating in our key sponsorship and promotional event. Congratulations to Grant Raynor and his team at Rayco Plumbing for taking out the challenge. Thank you to all of you who took up the challenge. We value the support you have shown to the club. The challenge has now been running for seven seasons, generating outstanding financial support towards our capital projects over the journey. Reminder members, when you are next in the market for a goods or service, be sure to check out the full list of sponsors and support those brands that support the club.

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Focus Demolition

Fresh Provisions

Global Civil & Mining

Indianic Group Pty Ltd

Jurovich Surveying Pty Ltd

Lion Brewery

Matthew Crawford Architects

Nexus Australia

Oilfield Piping Systems

Perna Group

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Prestige Marine & General

Engineering

Rayco Plumbing

Red Rock Oilfield Services

SkinBox Clinics

SMP Engineering

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The weekly raffle is now underway, members can go into the raffle draw for some great prizes, tickets available for purchase over the bar and or through reception. Be sure to place your raffle ticket in the box which is in the restaurant area to be eligible.

Throughout August the club will be undergoing general winter improvements, repairs, and maintenance. We apologize for any inconvenience caused by any trades onsite.

We are locked and loaded for the 2023 AFL Grand Final where we will be watching the big game on the big screen with plenty of food and beverage specials available for the enjoyment of members. My prediction Demons v Magpies. Demons by 28 points.

Our Major Raffle is on again! Cash prizes plus many more great prizes to be won. Tickets will be available for members from November with the raffle drawn on New Years Eve where the club will be celebrating in style with a concert.

Membership numbers remain strong as we work our way through the cooler months. Thank you to everyone for putting in the time, energy, and support towards the club. Your ongoing support contributes to our purpose of helping members love life on the river.

Catch you at the club!

Damien Gaspar General Manager





Angling Report







The Angling Section had it's end of Season 'Dinner & Presentations Night' at the Club on Saturday 1st July. A good time was had by all and a big 'Thank You' to the SYC Staff and Tim Burgess and the Angling Commitee that assisted in making this a great and pleasurable night. The Major Prize Winners are shown below...Well done to all!!

We have kicked off the 2023-2024 New Season and held our first 'Field Day' on the weekend 15th/16th July 2023, and by the time you read this report we would have had our second 'Field Day' on the 12th/13th August 2023. Our September 'Field Day' is scheduled for the weekend of Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24th September. Please note, we have rescheduled some dates to avoid the 'Demersal Ban' which came into effect on the 1st August. If you are planning on joining the Angling Section, you haven't missed out on much so far, so come along and have some fun with us and win a prize or two.

A big 'Thank You' goes out to James Aps who has been our Angling Captain for the past 8 years, and I must say did a brilliant job keeping the Angling section excieting and on track during his tenure. James will be remaining on the Angling Committee as Secretary and will be keeping us all informed on important matters and what is going on in the Angling Section. Thank You James!

Welcome to our new Captain Owain Evans, one of the most enthusiastic fisherman I have ever met, he will be assisted by Klaus Lochmuller as Vice Captain and Gil Sander as the Field Day Officer. Owain and the new team will have some big shoes to fill but we are confident they will do it well. We wish Owain and the Angling Committee all the best in their future endeavors.

SEASON TOP GUNS

1st Place OWAIN EVANS

2nd Place TIM BURGEES

3rd Place KLAUS LOCHMULLER

SEASON TOP BOATS

1st Place LIFE OF RILEY

2nd Place ZEROF

3rd Place SEA SMOKE

TOP JUNIOR ANGLER

1st Place BEAU RILEY

2nd Place TOM CONTI







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Club Events

The next SYC Club event is our 'Open Day & Sail Past' on the Weekend of Saturday 21st October 2023.

All Angling and SYC Members are encouraged to participate in this Club event which will earn you a Club Point or win a prize..

New Angling Members

A big 'Welcome' to all our new members who have recently joined the Angling Team!!

The **Angling** Section has implemented a 'Membership Fee' of \$100 for the year to be a member of the Angling Section, and you have to be at least a Social Member of the SYC to join the Angling Section. This fee will go towards prizes we hand out at our monthly competitions and general costs. We don't fish for 'Sheep Stations', but the small prizes we present to those that make an effort just makes it interesting and presents a challenge to keep it interesting. We give prizes for most categories that makes our competitions fair and interesting for all who participate. Our 'Field Days' are normally held on the weekend after the second Wednesday of the month, approximately, in the middle of each month. But with the Demersal Bans we do sometimes have to move the date to avoid the bans, bad Weather or conflicting with other important Club events and public holidays etc, so check our Angling Calendar for updates.

Intra Club Fishing Competition

We are now planning this event for April or May 2024 on a date hopefully when the Weather is normally fine to make it a lovely Club event. Please look out for our announcement on this event as it will certainly be another great SYC Angling event with stacks of prizes to be won by all, even if you can't fish you could win a 'Participation Prize' just for taking part. We are also still open to Sponsors, so if you are interested in sponsoring a prize or donating one, please talk to one of our Angling Committee Members.

Raffles & Sponsors

A Big Thank You to all our regular and new sponsors who support the Angling Section with 'Gift Vouchers' and 'Prizes' for our Monthly Field Days, and not forgetting all our SYC Members and Guests who support our Angling Raffles at the Club, your support helps keep the Angling Section interesting, and it also supports other worthy causes within and around our Club, so dig

deep as we need and appreciate your support. Thank You.

All SYC Angling Members

The Club Boat, the 'Dave Birchenough' is used on all our 'Angling Field Days', so if you join the Angling Section and don't own a boat you can put your name down for a spot on the Club Boat and if all spots are taken, we will then try to find you a spot on an Angling member's boat.

The normal contribution towards Maintenance, Fuel and Bait is ~\$50 for the day out on the Club Boat. Juniors are 'free' accompanied by a paying adult. Bear in mind you could quite easily win your contribution back in prizes, so come along and have some fun. View the Angling Section on face book - http://m. facebook.com/swan-yacht-club-angling Till Next Month, Stay Safe & Happy Fishing.

Till Next Time, Stay Safe, Happy Fishing & Tight Lines

Ian Hall

Angling Committee

Fremantle Swan Dragon

Boat Club inc

Dear Members, and Dragon Boat Enthusiasts,

As we stand at the cusp of a new season, I am filled with immense pride and anticipation as I share with you the exciting plans for the next 12 months at the Fremantle Swan Dragon Boat Club.



Doing Us Proud

A big congratulations to our fab 5, Rex Tindal, Graeme Elliott, Kady Sherwood, Lexy Latto, Elsie Edmonds and Christie Ho who represented Australia at the 16th IDF World Dragon Boat Racing Championships in Thailand. Their journey has been one of determination, unity, and unwavering passion for this incredible sport, and nothing short of extraordinary.

Final personal medal count 3 Gold, 4 Silver & 23 Bronze



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The Season Ahead.

We kick off with our annual open day on Sunday September 10th and will continue with every Saturday during the year we will hold come-to-days. The season regattas are held at Champion Lakes, our sights are firmly set on the grand stage: the 2024 DBWA State Titles and the 2024 AusDBF Nationals in Perth. This is where we shall showcase the culmination of our hard work, dedication, and unyielding perseverance. Together, we will demonstrate that the Fremantle Swan Dragon Boat Club is a force to be reckoned with, a unity that surpasses all obstacles, and a family that celebrates victories as one.

2024 International Trip.

We plan to celebrate our belated 40th anniversary trip to the enchanting city of Hong Kong, the place where it all started in 1982. This trip is more than a celebration; it is a homage to the roots of our sport, a chance to witness dragon boat racing at its finest, and an opportunity to forge bonds that will transcend time and distance.

Welcoming All Generations

Our club has always been a melting pot of talent, experience, and youthful exuberance. This season, we extend a warm invitation to juniors aged 10-17, youth aged 18-23, premier paddlers aged 24-39, and our esteemed masters aged 40 and beyond. Every generation brings its unique energy, and we are committed to fostering a vibrant community that thrives on collaboration, respect, and shared goals.

Check out fsdbc.com and sign up for a free 4-week membership called Dragon pass.

See you on the water!

President

Fremantle Swan Dragon Boat Club









September

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
				1	2	2
3 Father's Day	4	5	6	7	8	9 Commodore's Spanish Fiesta
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22 Members Night with Karaoke on the River	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30 AFL Grand Final

October

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 Opening of the Season
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

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November

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7 Melbourne Cup	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24 Fundraiser Christmas Lunch	25
26	27	28	29	30		

December

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31 New Years Eve Event					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 Kids Christmas Party	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 Christmas Day Lunch	26	27	28	29	30

Upcoming Events







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We encourage all members to utilise the services offered by our Corporate Challenge Sponsors. The Swan Yacht Club puts our utmost trust and give a stamp of approval for all listed organisations and businesses below.

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