



MORNINGTON YACHT CLUB FOUNDATION

Affiliated with Yachting Victoria

PROGRESS REPORT ON THE FOUNDATION'S ACTIVITIES AT 28 FEBRUARY 2018

The Board of the Foundation is pleased to provide an update on its activities since we last reported to you in our 2017 Annual report. In that report we outlined the three programs that had been identified as the initial focus of the Foundation's activities:

- the purchase of 6 Pacer dinghies for use in junior sail training and in School team racing activities
- to assist members with financial assistance to compete in major Championship events
- to assist in the Club's established Sailability programs providing sailing experiences for disabled athletes.

On Friday 16 February you will be aware that the 6 Pacer dinghies were christened and sailed for the first time, opening a new and exciting era of junior sail training at the Club. In addition the Club's training manager will be engaging with local schools to establish a team racing program which is expected will attract more members over time into the Club. The Pacers cost \$48,909 and were paid for entirely out of your Foundation funds.



In November 2017 the Foundation provided \$2,000 towards the cost of three crews competing in the 420 Australian Championships and the World Titles held in Perth. All of the crews were members of the Victorian Sailing Team and had trained for months in preparation for the Titles. The recipients of the award were:

Matilda and Lily Richardson

Sophie Jackson and Laura Harding

Chloe Harper and Lucy Gray.

The National Championships attracted a high calibre fleet of 95 boats and our crews acquitted themselves very well. The results were:

Sophie and Laura 21st (3rd Australian girls)

Lily and Matilda 57th (1st Australian Under 17 girls).

Chloe and Lucy 73rd (10th Australian girls)

Unfortunately Matilda Richardson suffered a severe shoulder injury in pre Regatta training and Laura Harding injured her knee in the first heat of the World Titles following the Nationals. These injuries impacted two of our crews and hampered their ability to compete at their best. The Richardsons were only able to compete in two heats of the Worlds due to this injury, but our girls capped off the Regatta when Lily Richardson teamed up with Sophie Jackson in the last heat winning in the Ladies fleet. Sophie and Laura came 6th overall in the Ladies fleet.

Following the Regattas in Perth Matilda and Lily Richardson travelled to Brisbane to compete in the Australian Youth Championships. Despite the continuing problems with Matilda's shoulder, which forced them to retire in the second heat, the girls were successful in being selected in the Australian Youth Sailing Team after winning the Under 17 girls 420 Title.





As a result of this victory the girls have a busy schedule of events coming up. They will be representing Australia in a regatta in Japan in May as members of the Australian Youth Sailing Team, followed by the

World Youth Championships in Corpus Christy USA in July and hopefully the 420 Under 17 world Championships in Newport Rhode Island in August 2018. I am sure that all members will join with us in wishing the girls well as they continue to represent our Club and Australia with distinction.

In respect of Sailability the Foundation has recently contributed \$1,368 towards the cost of replacement sails for two Access dinghies in our Sailability fleet.

Following these initiatives the Foundation has funds of \$11,779 at the end of January. We see the Foundation as a continuing means of assisting sailing at Mornington in so many ways and encourage you all to continue contributing what you can to assist us in achieving our goals. The Club is experiencing high demand for keel boat training and would like to purchase a suitable boat to meet this need. In addition we would like to continue, and expand, financial assistance to our leading sailors as they attend major regattas. If you have an interest in other initiatives we would be pleased to hear from you.

Donations can be made through the Australian Sports Foundation to the Mornington Yacht Club Foundation and are tax deductible. Alternatively they can be made directly to the Club through contacting the office.

Stuart Gooley

Chairman