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Hi everyone,

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With slipping near complete activity has slowed around the yard, but not for our Opti juniors who competed in the second day of the Icicle Youth Cup last Saturday at Black Rock Yacht Club. Nick Sharman is still holding down first position, Sophie Jackson improved her position to be fourth as did Ella Sharman who is now eighth in the series. Denver James is sitting thirteenth and Noa Abrahams sixteenth. Hopefully they can consolidate or even improve over the final three weeks of the series.

Yachting Victoria has announced the Victorian Sailing Team for 2013-2014, Mornington Yacht Club has four members in the squad. For our small junior and youth fleet this is a wonderful result.

Rhett Gowans Laser Radial Tyrone Gowans Laser 4.7
Nick Sharman Optimist Sophie Jackson Optimist

The Victorian Sailing Team (VST) is level 7 on the YA/YV performance pathway and provides the next step for sailors looking to progress to the Victorian Institute of Sport (VIS) sailing program and beyond to the Australian Sailing Team.

The VST is continually developing so that it can best provide for sailors and their needs. Over the last year Yachting Victoria has been working with class associations and clubs to put in place a program that provides sufficient on water coaching time along with off water sessions and camps.

While we are on achievements I think Sophie Cizcek's selection in Volvo ocean race team is right up there. Sophie just keeps going from strength to strength. Following is the press release which is well worth the read. This places Sophie in some very elite company and we can look forward to following her achievements.

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Australians selected for women's Volvo Ocean Race team

Team SCA, the only all-female team in the 2014-15 Volvo Ocean Race has confirmed the first five crew to officially join the team.

Carolijn Brouwer (NED), Sophie Cizek (AUS), Sam Davies (GBR), Annie Lush (GBR) and Liz Wardley (AUS) will join as crew members from early April.

Some 20 candidates have been through a rigorous training 'camp' at the team's base in Puerto Calero, Lanzarote. The schedule has included tests of their fitness and stamina as well as medicals and sailing on board the team's VO70 training boat, *SCA Care*. All under the watchful eyes of the team coaches who have experience of some fifteen round the world races between them.

"We have been really impressed with the quality of the candidates coming through. There is a ten-year gap since the last time there was an all-female crew in this race, and the level of professional and competence is much higher now, so clearly none of us is underestimating the task ahead," commented **Richard Brisius**, Managing Director, Team SCA.

All five women have a wide range of experience in sailing, from single handed offshore to Olympics and Match Racing. They have each carved their own niche in what is still considered to be a male-dominated sport.

"They are all very talented natural sailors; gender does not come in to it. Team SCA is providing the tools and structure to give these sailors a chance at competing on an equal footing in what is a classic round-the-world yacht race. It would be great to think that through all our efforts we could engage a new generation of women to break into competitive, crewed offshore racing. A female team in this race should be the norm, not something unusual," concluded Brisius.

The squad will be based in Lanzarote until the start of the race in autumn 2014. Delivery of the Team SCA VO65 race boat is expected in the early autumn this year.

Only four other all-female teams have competed in this event in its 40-year history and the last all-female entry was Amer Sports Two in the 2001-02 edition of the race.

The Team SCA project is backed by SCA, the leading global hygiene and forest products company. **Jan Johansson**, President and CEO of SCA, comments: "For SCA this project not only forms an integral part of our marketing and communications activities. Our crew will be strong, high-performing role models internally as well as for our consumers worldwide, of whom 80 percent are women. As a sustainability leader, we know the important everyday roles women play to raise sanitation, hygiene and health standards in communities around the world. That is the core of SCA and our brands."

Biographies and Quotes – Team SCA First Five Selected Crew

Carolijn Brouwer

Nationality: Dutch, Place of Birth: Leiden, Netherlands, Date of Birth: 25 July 1973, Family status: Partner Darren Bundock. One son Kyle Nico (25/02/2011). Current location: The Hague, The Netherlands. Languages: English, Dutch, Portuguese, French, Spanish, German.

Carolijn Brouwer is an accomplished multihull and Olympic sailor having competed in the Sydney, Athens and Beijing Games. She was the only female skipper in the Tornado multihull class at the Beijing Olympics. She skippered the Extreme 40 Holmatro for two seasons in the Extreme 40 series. Brouwer was at the helm on Amer Sports Two in the Volvo Ocean Race in 2001-02. She won the [International Sailing Federation](#) highest award in 1998 the [ISAF World Sailor of the Year Awards](#).

Carolijn Brouwer quote:

"Team SCA is not a 'second hand' project, it is a first class professional project with great potential. I know what it is like to spend weeks on a boat with ten other people and, of course, there will be challenges, but equally this is an incredible opportunity for women's racing, and I am thrilled to be able to be part of it," commented Brouwer.

Sophie Cizek

Nationality: Australian and American. Place of Birth: Mornington, Victoria, Australia Date of Birth: 28 June 1985. Family status: Single

Languages: English,

Sophie Cizek was until 2012 a full-time crew member for the Open 60 Hugo Boss. Prior to that she has had a varied career on some of the world's most renowned racing yachts, including the Maxis Wildthing, Brindabella and Shockwave. She has sailed more than 60,000 nautical miles - mostly as bowman - and has competed in four Sydney Hobart races.

Sophie Cizek quote:

"This is an incredible once in a lifetime opportunity and I am really excited about the next couple of years. In effect we are competing on the same platform as an all male team so will be good to challenge them on the race course."

Sam Davies

Nationality: British, Place of Birth: Portsmouth, UK Date of Birth: 23 August 1974. Family status: Partner Romain Attanasio. One son, Ruben, (04/09/2011). Current location: Trégunc, France Languages: English, French.

Sam Davies is an accomplished single-handed sailor. She has competed in two Vendee Globe races and has sailed in the challenging Open 60 class for the past 10 years. In 2008 she finished the Vendee Globe in fourth place. She was part of the all-female Jules Vernes Trophy attempt in 1998 sailing with Tracy Edwards.

Sam Davies quote:

"This is a great opportunity for women's sailing and it is the right time to do it with the change in the Volvo Ocean Race Rule. With the top-level coaching structure and technical team that is in place, this will help to fast-track our steep learning curve and I really believe we have the opportunity to achieve some amazing results in the next race."

Annie Lush

Nationality: British, Place of Birth: Poole, Dorset Date of Birth: 11 April 1980. Family status: Single Current location: Poole, GB. Languages: English,

Annie Lush been racing full time on the Olympic circuit since 2002 and also competes on the World Match Race Tour, as well as racing on professional circuits. She is an Olympic match racer who competed at the London Games in the Elliott 6m class. She has been Women's Match Race champion three times (2004, 2005, 2010) and topped the ISAF World Ranking in 2010.

Annie Lush quote:

"It is an amazing opportunity with fantastic support from coaches, shore crew and sponsor. It is up to us now to go and do it. It has been a very exciting and, at times, demanding process, but I am absolutely thrilled at being selected to be part of the team. This is the first time in ten years that we have had an all-female team in this race, and it is probably the first time in the race's history that there has been a team that is being put together in the same way as an all-male team,".

Liz Wardley

Nationality: Australian Place of Birth: Kokopo, Papua New Guinea, Date of Birth: 6 December 1979. Family status: Engaged Languages: English, French.

Liz Wardley is renowned for her numerous titles gained in the Hobie Cat 16 and for her oceanic racing skills. In 1999 she became the first woman to win Rolex Sydney Hobart Race. The year before she was skipper in Rolex Sydney Hobart Race – at the age of 19. She raced in Volvo Ocean Race 2001-2002 on Amer Sports Two and she has competed many times in the French solo sailing race Solitaire du Figaro.

Liz Wardley quote:

"I am really excited to be joining probably the first 100% professional woman's team to enter the Volvo Ocean Race. We have been everything to succeed and I am looking forward to getting stuck into it."

- Victoria Low/Team SCA Media

There are a lot of halyards banging against masts in the yard when the wind gets up. Maybe check your boat and tie them off as it is neither good for ropes or masts.

Presentation day is Sunday 2nd of June, come along for a bar lunch at 12.30pm followed by the presentation of Trophies and Prizes at 2.00pm.

As we are now into winter storage, if you do not require storage for your dinghy please can you remove it from the yard as we will be invoicing all of those not paid later this week.

It may be quiet in the harbour but Friday nights are becoming more and more popular at MYC, so come on down to the club and share a drink with friends or have a meal from The Rocks.

The Rocks are moving into winter hours closing at 5.00pm on Sundays starting this Sunday until October. ***Remember to get those footy tips in on time!***

Hope to see you around the club,
Richard Nichols

Social News:

BABBA tickets are now available for collection from the office.
If you cannot get here between 9.00am and 3.00pm please give Sarah a call to organise posting them (Tel: 5975 7001)