

Strategic plan For Otago Yacht Club 2019- 2021

Role

The Otago Yacht Club provides the principal base in southern New Zealand for coastal racing and cruising for keelboats and launches. It has a strong trailer-yacht division and supports keeler, centreboard, multihull sailing and racing, as well as running an active sailing school. The club is the site for major regattas held on Otago Harbour and the base for the sailing activities of many Dunedin schools.

It has a fine clubhouse at the Magnet Street Boat Harbour. Membership is drawn from the wider Dunedin community. Through sailing, boat maintenance and social activities, the club fosters a strong sense of community amongst its members.

Aims

The Club's aims are to:

- sustain its leadership in southern New Zealand in all forms of sailing, including, centreboard, trailer yacht, keeler, cruising and racing.
- provide coaching in sailing skills at all levels and leadership in safe sailing
- provide a quality slip yard and other facilities for boat maintenance and storage
- progressively enhance the club's facilities including the development of a modern marina with the provision of a safe deep water marine berthage for members and visiting yachts
- foster a sociable club community, to grow the membership.
- provide regular communications to members of club activities.

Resources

The resources are appropriate to the club's aims and include an active sailing school, clubhouse, a major haul out facility along with a trailer yacht lifter, three rescue boats, a centreboard fleet, trailer yachts and a multihull. Based in the sheltered Dunedin boat harbour, the club has over 200 financial members, comprising families, individuals, juniors and some schools.

Constraints

Size constraints of the harbour and site.

Continuing siltation in the harbour and its entrance demands an ongoing maintenance programme.

Workload imposed by complying with local regulations.

Ongoing maintenance of facilities that are ageing within a hostile environment.

Actions to be taken in the next planning cycle

The club has conducted an analysis of its strengths and weaknesses. The following actions have been taken or are being planned for the next three years to ensure that the club continues to meet its aims as stated above.

Clubroom refurbishment

The clubrooms are to be refurbished by replacing carpet and repainting. A tender has been accepted for the painting and the carpeting is currently in the tender process.

Pontoon improvements

The club is investigating ways of replacing the damaged and outmoded pontoons with new concrete structures. We have purchased some pontoons and are investigating a range of ideas, one of which is to make our own new concrete pontoons. The first trial of these designs is nearly ready for pouring. Once a viable solution has been found the club will look at ways of modernising our berthing facilities according to demand.

The aim is to be able to provide modern finger berths for those who wish them, while retaining some pile moorings in the meantime for those who do not wish to pay for a finger berth.

Dredging

The need to dredge is ongoing and the next area for immediate attention is from the bottom of the slipway towards the trailer yacht slipway.

Managers house

This house is currently undergoing bathroom renovations, which are well overdue.

Changing rooms

The shower facilities in these rooms are being upgraded with the installation of new gas califonts.

Washdown facilities

A new concrete pad is planned to contain debris from boats coming up the slipway. The plan is almost ready for council approval.

Sailing

The club plans to continue in its mission to increase membership while continuing to promote and encourage sailing in its various forms on the harbour and beyond. Funds have been allocated to maintain the clubs yachts, rescue boats, yard and clubhouse facilities to meet the needs of its members and make it desirable to become a member.

Appendices

1 History

The Otago Yacht Club was established in 1869. Early activities were dominated by motor launches in the harbour and keel yachts in coastal racing. The club has consistently supported a mix of boats and activities, boosted with the advent of trailer yachts in the 1960s. More recently the club's purchase of support vessels has enabled continuous growth in dinghy sailing, including links with local schools. The club runs an active sailing school where hundreds of children and adults have learned to sail. The club continues to have a racing syllabus for all classes.

2 Facilities

The clubhouse and its attendant facilities make a popular venue for regattas. The club's facilities cater for boats of 8-15 m overall length, which include twelve pontoon berths and a number of pile moorings. Up to 50 trailer yachts can be parked on land. The club is engaged in trialing new concrete pontoons.

The club has the following facilities:

- 20 sailing dinghies to cope for a wide range of abilities
- 2 trailer yachts
- 3 rescue/instructor craft
- Haul out and hardstand facilities for launches and keelers up to 12 ton and a trailer boat lifter.
- A well-furnished clubhouse used for club functions as well as for hire to conferences and other groups.
- The grounds include a picnic area, members' showers and toilets that are shared with the public.
- Planning for a washdown pad that will prevent marine growth from being washed back into the harbour is almost completed.

3 Management

An honorary committee manages the club's affairs. Elected annually from membership at an annual general meeting usually held in July, it is comprised of three flag officers, secretary, treasurer, together with eight ordinary members.

The committee's decisions are guided by the 3-year plan in accordance with the club's rules. The club is self-managed.

The Caretaker/Manager lives in a provided house onsite to manage facilities.

4 Assets & Liabilities

Fixed Assets: Buildings and sheds (total insured value \$2.8 million), together with club boats and other plant and equipment (value \$222,000).

Voluntary assets: The regular contribution to sailing school and to maintenance work by club members, who collectively offer a wide range of sailing, professional and trade skills, is a significant asset.

Income & expenditure: Currently, the club's annual income comes from membership, mooring & slip yard fees, together with clubhouse hire, but fluctuates with live-aboard and haul-out activity. Expenditure covers costs of salaries (caretaker/manager together with casual part-time secretarial assistance), annual ground-lease, insurance, affiliation fees, and costs of routine maintenance of buildings & boatyard. In many years, a small surplus has added to the club's consolidated fund. The club applies to registered charities for grants towards specific projects.

Liabilities

Maintenance of:

- pontoons
- depth of water in the boat harbour
- haul out facilities
- buildings
- club owned craft

These have been addressed in the plan on page one.

Signed Commodore
Frank McCarthy

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