

President's Report



The 2025–2026 financial year has been one of significant progress for Gosford Sailing Club. Throughout the year, the Board has remained focused on strong governance, sound financial management and creating a sustainable future for the Club. At the same time, we have continued to invest in our facilities, strengthen our hospitality operations and support the sailing activities that remain at the heart of our Club.

I am pleased to report that the Club demonstrated robust revenue growth and maintained a solid financial position throughout the year. This performance reflects the continued support of our members, the dedication of our staff and volunteers, and the Board's commitment to prudent financial management.

Our strategic focus on hospitality, marina operations and ongoing facility improvements has strengthened the Club's long-term sustainability and positioned us well for future development. As part of this strategy, the Board approved the expansion of trading to seven days a week through the introduction of Monday and Tuesday lunch service. This initiative has provided members and visitors with greater opportunities to enjoy the Club while supporting continued revenue growth. The early response has been encouraging and, subject to continued patronage, the Board will consider extending Tuesday trading to include dinner service in the future.

A significant milestone during the year was the appointment of our new Club Manager, Dan Brian. Dan has brought enthusiasm, professionalism and a clear focus on improving operational performance, member service and business development. Together with our dedicated staff, he has already made a positive contribution to the culture and direction of the Club.

The continued evolution of our hospitality offering has been another highlight. The introduction of a modern casual dining experience has enhanced the Club's reputation as a welcoming waterfront destination. Under the leadership of our Head Chef, Chris, the menu has been thoughtfully developed to provide fresh, contemporary cuisine that combines quality, value and consistency. The positive response from members and visitors has reinforced the importance of delivering an outstanding dining experience as part of our overall member offering.

The Board has continued its commitment to improving the Club's facilities and infrastructure. Investment in our marina remains a strategic priority, recognising its importance as both a valuable Club asset and a key contributor to future growth. Ongoing facility improvements continue to enhance the experience of members and visitors while ensuring the Club remains well positioned for the future.

Sailing continues to define Gosford Sailing Club. During the year we successfully conducted club racing, regattas and championship events while supporting participation across all fleets

and continuing to develop our junior and youth sailing programs through the Sailing Academy. These achievements are only possible because of the outstanding commitment of our volunteers, race officials, instructors, rescue crews and committee members, whose dedication ensures the continued success of our sailing program.

The Board also acknowledges the valuable contribution made by our sponsors and community partners. Their continued support assists the Club in delivering quality sailing events, developing participation and enhancing the facilities enjoyed by all members.

On behalf of the Board, I thank our Club Manager, staff, volunteers, for their professionalism, commitment and dedication throughout the year. Their collective efforts have enabled Gosford Sailing Club to continue growing as both a successful licensed club and one of the leading sailing clubs on the Central Coast.

The Board remains committed to maintaining strong financial performance, growing membership, expanding our hospitality offering, investing in our marina and facilities, and encouraging greater participation in sailing. These priorities will ensure the Club remains financially sustainable while preserving its proud sailing heritage.

Finally, I extend my sincere thanks to my fellow directors for their time, energy and patience. Also on behalf of your Board I would like to thank all members for your continued loyalty and support. Your ongoing commitment to the Club is the foundation of our success. Together, we are building a vibrant, financially secure and welcoming Club that is well positioned for future generations.

President

Greg Humphries



Commodore's Report

Another successful year of the Gosford Sailing Club sailing program has come to a close. Throughout the season, our fleets raced predominantly in light to moderate conditions, with the occasional southerly or westerly bringing challenging racing—or, on some days, no racing at all. I would like to thank the members of the Sailing Committee for their commitment and valued contributions throughout the season. My sincere thanks go to our Sailing Academy Manager, Sophie McIntosh, and Committee members Mark Greenwood, George Johnston, John Humphries, Peter Walsh, Mark Ferguson and Paul Gulliksen. Their experience, dedication and support make the Committee a pleasure to chair. Together, we continue to review and refine our racing program, ensuring our sailing calendar remains diverse, engaging and enjoyable for members across all fleets.

Delivering such an extensive racing calendar relies heavily on the support of our volunteers, from Committee members through to race officers and on-water race management. I sincerely thank everyone who has generously given their time, expertise and enthusiasm throughout the season. Their contribution is invaluable to the ongoing success of our sailing program.

Participation remained strong across all levels, with many members representing Gosford Sailing Club at international, interstate and intrastate regattas. Fleet numbers remained healthy across all classes, and I congratulate those members who travelled to compete while proudly representing our Club.

The season also saw an increase in new sailors stepping into both skipper and crew roles. We welcomed new ILCA sailors, Open Skiffs, Optimists and several new yachts to our fleets. The junior section continued to grow with a strong Open Skiff fleet, while our junior sailing schools once again provided an excellent pathway into Saturday racing, with many young sailors progressing into regular club competition.

Throughout the season, the Club proudly hosted several major regattas, including the Open Skiff State Championships, Flying Dutchman State Championships, the NSW Etchells Championships and the ILCA Coast Regatta. These events showcased not only the quality of our sailing facilities and race management but also the dedication of our volunteers and staff, who continue to deliver successful events of the highest standard.

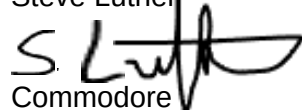
The 2025–26 sailing season has been another successful one, with strong participation across all fleets and continued growth in our junior program. It is particularly pleasing to see so many Sailing School participants progressing into regular club racing, ensuring a bright future for sailing at Gosford Sailing Club.

I would also like to extend my sincere thanks to our wonderful staff for their efficiency, friendliness and professionalism throughout the season. Their support behind the scenes plays an important role in delivering a positive experience for both members and visitors alike.

In challenging economic times, the continued strength of our Club depends on growing membership, maintaining thriving junior and senior racing programs, and fostering the outstanding volunteer spirit that has long been the hallmark of Gosford Sailing Club. Together, these qualities create the welcoming atmosphere for which our Club is renowned.

I look forward to another exciting season in 2026/27 and encourage all members to get involved—whether on the water, volunteering, or supporting Club events. Thank you for your continued enthusiasm and support, and I wish everyone fair winds for the season ahead.

Steve Luther

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Gosford Sailing Club