

Spring Greetings to PSYC Members!

I hope this finds you all well, safe and participating in social distancing. Covid19 has its tentacles everywhere, including our beloved Mary Lake. It is with much sadness that I am cancelling the season kick-off party which would have been on May 17. And, barring a miracle, it is likely there will be no parties this summer.

That being said, it is my hope that there will be some form of safe Saturday-afternoon racing. I am calling on all sailors to offer up an indication of interest and also creative suggestions for safe sailing. Perhaps this is a time to think outside the box?

Continuing in the theme of sad things, our longtime Race Committee Chair, Doug Golding, has tendered his resignation. It is with much regret and not a little discussion that I have accepted it. Doug and Barb were often included in PSYC parties at the cottages of their friends, Mary and George Johnson and Eleanor and Arlie Cole starting in the sixties. When he and Barb finally joined PSYC in 2014, he was invited by John Douglas Sr. to join him and Stan Lindeblom as part of the Race Committee. John Murphy, a former two-time Commodore, would come out in his little boat to offer helpful advice. As a member of Port Sydney Parks and Rec, Doug was instrumental in getting the year-end party switched from individuals' cottages to the Port Sydney Hall. We have been using the Hall and BBQ ever since, thanks to Doug's efforts and connections. Doug also looks after the party liquor license, and the purchasing and storing of alcoholic beverages for the year-end party (I can't believe he ever has to store gin!!). As a final highlight of Doug's ongoing volunteer career with PSYC, he was Commodore in 2017. On behalf of PSYC, it is with much appreciation that I offer our sincere thanks to Doug.

Hence, PSYC currently has an opening for Race Committee Chair. Applications may be sent to: [serious\\_sue@hotmail.com](mailto:serious_sue@hotmail.com). Training included!

On a positive note, our Vice Commodores, Stephanie Johnson and Edward Gledhill, have been hard at work creating a PSYC website. It includes a list of the Club's officers and position volunteers, awards for 2019, and the complete list of Past Commodores as assembled by Margot Douglas Ballagh. It also offers some points of Club legend/history. I would suggest that anyone who has something to add to our History and Memories section should do so, lest it be forgotten. On race days the site will have entries on the race course and predicted weather and wind, and will offer a reminder of party location. Should a race be cancelled or postponed, the Race Committee will post it here. Our team photographer will also be posting his race photos. We need to thank Vice-Commodore Edward for his suggestion and lead role in this wonderful tool; thanks also to Stephanie Johnson, our resident artist, for providing caricatures of Club officers and volunteers. The web address is: [portsydneyyachtclub.wordpress.com](http://portsydneyyachtclub.wordpress.com). Please check it out!!

In conclusion, it is my wish and hope that our members and their families remain in good health during these difficult times. Stay safe and be patient! Until next time,

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