"THE SABOT REUNION"

Celebrating Almost 40 Years of Junior Sailing



South Queensland Sabot Association

Master of Ceremonies Grant Somerville Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron 6th August 1999

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HISTORY

The following extract from the first Australian Championship Programme is the first evidence that can be found of how the Sabot Class was established in Australia.

"It has been indicated that the pram type of dinghy originated in Norway. In 1938/39 Charles McGregor from New York, thought that the pram dinghy could be adapted for sailing purposes, and thus designed what we know today as the popular Sabot sailing dinghy."

It was first built in Australia by Melbourne boat builders Benson & Shaw in 1946 and first raced at Black Rock Yacht Club a year later.

In 1950 the Sandgate 16Ft. Skiff Club, using a plan in the American Magazine "Rudder", had four Sabots built to use as training dinghies for the junior sailors. Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron, Port Curtis Sailing Club and Cleveland Yacht Club followed Sandgate's lead and the class grew quickly.

The Queensland Yachting Association assisted with the formation of the Sabot Association of Queensland. The first constitution was adopted in 1960.

In 1966 an invitation was received from the New South Wales Sabot Ass. to be guests at the third Australian Championships to be held at Gosford. A Special General Meeting considered this invitation and decided to send a team of one Senior and two Junior crews, to sail in borrowed boats from NSW as S.A.Q. sabots did not conform to National specifications. A manager and delegates were also sent to take a good look at the affairs of the National Sabot Council. The following year it was decided to affiliate with the National Council and accept the National Sabot.

Towards the end of the 1969/70 season, the Sabot Association of Queensland changed its name to the South Queensland Sabot Association.

S.Q.S.A. AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONS

SEASON	SENIOR	JUNIOR
1967/68		J. Roberts/V.Bell
1968/69	S. Allen	B. Webb/G.Webb
1969/70	J. Roberts	A. Vivian/J. Vivian
1970/71		G.Webb/J. Vivian
1971/72	B. Watson	G. Webb/J. Casey
1973/74	G. Adams	R. Lea/K. Miers
1974/75	B. Taylor	R. Lea/J. Patterson
1975/76	C. Taylor	I. Kennedy/I. McPherson
1976/77	D. Miers	
1977/78	R. Lea	G. Fisher/D. Mobbs
1978/79	R. Lea	P. Robba/M. Duncan
1979/80	R. Smith	A. Keag/P. Smith
1980/81	G. Fisher	
1981/82	R. White	N. Ryan/S. Hansen
1982/83	G. Fisher	S. Lambourne/D. White
1983/84	A. Finglas	S. Lambourne/D. White
1984/85	N. Ryan	J. Harvey/T. Martin
1985/86		L. Prescott/T. Prescott
1986/87		F. Charlson/A. Charlson
1987/88		C. Hosking/J. Casswell
1988/89		S. Savage/M. Savage
1989/90	M. Gaulter	
1990/91	C. Hosking	M. Savage/G. Savage
1991/92	S. Smith	P. Marshall/T. Robson
1996/97	K. Robson	
1997/98	L. Jeffries	
1998/99	D. Biggar	

OFFICE BEARERS

DATRONG	1060 1062	AC IIh aus
PATRONS	1960 - 1962	AS Huybers
	1962 - 1963	K. McLeod
	1963 - 1997	F. McCartney
	1997 - 1999	F. Ives
VICE-PATRONS	1972 - 1997	F. Ives
	1997 - 1999	V. Frizzell
PRESIDENTS	1960 - 1961	K. McLeod
	1961 - 1963	I. Gillies
	1963 - 1964	K. McLeod
	1964 - 1965	R. Herd
	1965 - 1967	J. Anderson
	1967 - 1968	K. Benson
	1968 - 1970	F. Ives
	1970 - 1972	H. Daley
	1972 - 1974	F. Savage
	1974 - 1976	P. Grant
	1976 - 1978	D. Lyon
	1978 - 1982	J. Fisher
	1982 - 1985	V. Frizzell
	1985 - 1987	D. Harvey
	1987 - 1989	T. Anderson
	1989 - 1991	R. Tapp
	1991 - 1998	G. Somerville
	1998 -	S. Allen
LIFE MEMBERS	1964/65	I. Gillies
		K. McLeod
		J. McLeod
		F. McCartney
	1965/66	F. Ovenden
	1979/71	F. Ives
		H. Bell
		J. Anderson
	1972/72	C. Ramsay
	1974/75	A. Savage
	1975/76	R. Owen
	1980/81	J. Fisher
	1986/87	V. Frizzell
	1987/88	R. Sherwood
	1998/99	G. Somerville