



As with every year, I would like to start with Jason Case.

As a reminder as to one of the many reasons why we are here, Jason was a sailing instructor and a Father with a vision to teach kids having 2 of his own.

He loved being on the water and had a passion to share that joy through education.

Jason believed everyone deserved the opportunity to learn how to sail and used to be part of a sailing school in Melbourne which included teaching disadvantaged kids before moving to the area. His dream was to establish a Sail Training School to teach his kids and others to sail at Urunga.

Before he had a chance to do this, he died in a motorcycle accident. Through his extensive sailing travels and the Melbourne sailing school, Jason and his wife Rachael made many friends and a memorial fund was set up for donations to go towards achieving this aim.

The end result is that money, boats and materials were donated to establish the Urunga Sail Training Club to make this dream come true. Through the efforts of friends Derek and Kerry Ridgley, and the committee of the USTC, Jason's dream is now a well established reality and the Urunga Sail Training Club (USTC) is currently ranked the 3rd biggest dinghy training centre in NSW.

A club is only as good as its members and those that support it so:

Many thanks for many reasons go to:

Firstly to my wife Kerry

My Lillie for putting up with being stuck at the club till all hours.

Dave Cole who is always there when I have needed a hand and then some. Thanks Dave and thanks to your boys also.

Neil for your hard work as safety Boat Operator and secretary. We miss your hypo enthusiasm, whiskey laden coffee and grinning hand shake,



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Doug for you cool calm and cruisy backup, the rest of the team,
Again, A special thanks to our 2 Junior instructors who have now
been through several “Baptisms Of Fire” and I still maintain,
all the better to strengthen your abilities.
Practice, practice, practice.

Thanks also to the rest of the committee for putting up with me.

A special Thank you to all of you other members and Friends for
your hard work and dedication to this, your club. In particular,
Blair Gilmore, Dave McDonald and Stafford Crossman for the
various odd jobs and cheffing over the last year and more recently
Michelle McMillan for her baking prowess.
But, without all of you there would be no USTC.

Also Thanks for Donators of boats/money:

Without the donations of money and boats we have received over
the years, we probably wouldn't be here.

Every year, someone rings us and says or asks, “Do you want this
boat?” Every year, I say “Yes”.

This has been an occasional problem.

But, if you took out any part of the way this organisation is
structured and supported by either donations of work or
materials or just membership and training, again, it would not
survive.

So again as every year I would also like to also thank:

The Sikoras from Hong Kong,

Captain Brian McCarthy - for Cynthia's motor without which we
would be up the creek and all the other now “Behind the Scenes”
original supporters.

Re-Lease of building.

We finally now have a signed lease that has doubled our rent and almost doubled our P/L requirement. The new document was received 150515 and was presented at the last committee meeting. It is available for perusal if requested.

OUR DSC accreditation 2015/16

Will be due for reassessment imminently. We may well need to get any repairs done on boats before the assessment. This we are definitely going to need help with, as most of the training boats need some sort of repair. This does not include the 3rd corsair (parked at my place) that was recently donated to the club after being rescued from the Tip in Sydney.

Courses:

- Status of GP SS 1 & 2 course started 23 May:

This course was cancelled as a result of a wet and extra cold start to the term and the fact that we only got 1 starter after 2 newspaper blurbs. Not brilliant but I think the instructors needed a bit of a break anyway.

- Status of WOW course 150513:

We had 3 starters but finished with only 2 which is ok. The course went well and one of the students would make a great instructor with her other maritime experience if she so wishes.

- Status of Headspace:

The loss of the Headspace kids is a double blow. The cancellation of their funding means there is no outlet for these kids and no income for the club. Leave it at that.

Social Sailing

Still seems to be a bit of a disaster. I am not sure what or where we go with this. I do not think we are alone in this problem of member participation but it would be nice if there was just a bit



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more. Again, obviously the weather has played havoc with our Sundays this in the last term and I guess we all have other things to do.

Social Other:

Our Friday night BBQs are on the “Up” and the Seafood Extravaganza was a smash. It was not designed as a Fund Raiser but it could be a small one? Lets do it again but not too soon. October 2015. Need to prepare for the 50th (51st) Anniversary of the Sea Scout hall.

Sailability IS important to us:

Sailability is a really important part of the USTC.

Our main hurdle to making Sailability Urunga more “Workable” is again lack of volunteers.

This will never stop our commitment to ensuring that ALL persons no matter what their ability will have the opportunity to sail with the USTC.

One of the original ideals of this club when it was set up was to be able to offer sailing to disadvantaged and persons with disabilities. We have now gone a long way to achieving that goal among many others

Having successfully had some On Water Try Sailing Experience Days with the Corsairs, there is a plan to get others back on the water with an aluminium chair that can be fitted in one of the boats.

Again, Any offers of help/ideas gladly accepted because it does require a lot of input.

I have just re written the job description outline for this committee position if anyone wants a copy.

Grant Funding:

- ***PRMF Grant status.***

Firstly, a HUGE thank you to Kerry Penrose for pursuing this grant. If it weren't for her we wouldn't have a new roof and holes in the ceiling. SO:

Roof Done

Skylights and vents in

Guttering done

Electrical done

Gas HWS for shower, kitchen HWS and gas for stove done (extras).

Ceiling cost extra \$600 due to their cock up.

Gutter guard cost extra \$600 (but we saved \$1960 on battens)

Floors done.

The completion report to Crown Lands is available.

Extras out of \$1960:

Ceiling cost extra \$600.

Gutter Guard extra \$600.

Ceiling Fan/wall fan. ON HOLD lack of funds.

Extra electrical Security lighting, fans, audio/video.

Extra audio/video cabling

We even got a gas stove.

AND, the beautiful front doors on. Thanks again Dave C and Graham MP.

We have bought Paint as part of our \$8k In Kind portion of the PRMF Grant and I think again, Dave has racked up another 50 odd hours nail punching the floor for the sander.

I think it is important the need to clarify that I do send out emails requesting written responses to changes and

variations to the PRMF Grant that I believe need a written response to show a clear paper trail of agreement and transparency through the committee. I didn't always get a written response in time (for contractors to continue work on the project) and we have made decisions on verbal agreements from the majority of the committee involved in the immediate decision making with regard to this particular grant.

- ***Club Urunga Grant status***

STILL awaiting printing of material for Hoodie Rashies.

- ***ETC Grant Status***

We urgently need to finish the ETC stuff.

We had a \$400 account for repairs to Corsair dollies now done. This has been put against the ETC grant as part of the boat repairs.

Maybe we need to look into purchasing our own suitable welding equipment at this price.

Membership and Fundraising.

- Membership fees. Could be dearer but then we wouldn't have any members. Membership Falls due 30 September 2015. This club needs you to continue to be members. Particularly at the moment as the coffers are low.

Our recently increased lease costs, insurances (we have been forced to now carry \$20mill) and other incidentals, not to mention the wet and miserable start to term 2 resulting in the cancellation of the Saturday class has left us with not a lot of income at this point in time. I will leave that to our trusty Treasurer.

- Course Fees. Could be dearer but then we wouldn't have any students.

We do not live in the most affluent part of NSW but we have put them up by \$5 this term only to cover the \$30 cost of postage imposed on us by YA to get their books that we rarely use because ours are better and more relevant to our area.

- Bunnings. We have submitted a letter again but as it is a lottery, we cannot depend on it.
- Bellingen Markets. We can apply to do them again but would need to be assured of a good band of volunteers on the day. We can really only do it in winter or at the end of a season or it interferes with the sailing classes.
- Car Boot Sale or similar at the club. There was some movement on this concept. But it has gone nowhere so far.
- Crowd Funding. Any people experienced or knowledgeable in this concept please step forward. We need more research into it and someone to do it as this looks to be a good way to raise money for our boats.
- Seafood Extravaganza was a great success but was not designed as a Fundraiser. Perhaps we could look at this.
- Trivia Night. Was a fantastic success. It was proposed by Michelle McMillan to organise a Fundraising Trivia Night for July 31. We raised over \$600 on the night. Well done all.
- Donations always gladly accepted and we thank all those that donate

BCU Scholarship application:

- USTC applied on behalf of and refereed for both Lia Grosvenor and Finn Crossman. Unfortunately Finn's application was not successful but Lia's was. Lia received a Education scholarship of \$1k. We do not know the reasoning as to why only one succeeded but will try again on Finns behalf next year.

Boats Boats Boats.

Apart from the additional corsair we now have, there is also a Mirror Dinghy that only needs a bit of varnish to get it going. Both are at my place.

We were recently offered another Tasar in pretty good condition. Unfortunately, the club couldn't afford it but Doug has snapped it up so you will have to be nice to him to get to sail in her.

Care and Repair of our fleet.

Thanks again to Dave Cole and Doug Lindsay for their efforts in keeping the fleet afloat.

We need to take care of our boats. This is something we teach but sometimes accidents happen and we need to repair them. Another man/woman power job that needs a bit more club teamwork if at all possible.

We have a list of things that always need doing to our boats. Ask Dave or myself if you are bored with nothing to do.

Committee

What a Fab Committee we have now and hopefully later today. Again I would like to thank them again for their past and future support.

The Hall:

Pretty much covered but again, there are always little jobs that need doing. Ask Dave or myself if you are bored with nothing to do.

Risk Management and other documentation.

These are Living documents that need continual maintenance due to changing, new and unforeseen circumstances that do and will continue to arise. Any person is welcome to look at and make notes ensuring that they bring any possible liability to the immediate attention of the committee. Please feel free to peruse,

comment and ACT anytime. You will find them by the front door next to the Sign On book. I hope everyone has signed it today.

Respectful workplace and Working with Children Checks

All our committee members and any volunteers that work with our kids/juniors/students **MUST** have had a WWK check and we need a copy of the evidence of that check. This will be kept on file. The USTC prides itself on catering to all age groups and every possible ability we can. To this end,

We have also got a DRAFT Respectful Workplace policy in place and our instructors and committee are expected read this policy and treat all people/students/members with respect and dignity at all times. Mind you, this works both ways!

Any complaints we receive from our members, students or visitors, will be listened to and treated with respect and privacy as mentioned earlier. We as a club will listen and take appropriate action to remedy any complaints received. Again, this works both ways.

We have received complaints on occasion and do and will always deal with them.



Instructor Certification:

I have now completed:

AIS Certified Coach

Play By The Rules Cert in Discrimination and Harrassment

Play By The Rules Cert in Child Protection

Lia and Finn are both eligible to apply for their full instructor tickets this year. This requires them to complete their National Power boat and Safety boat tickets first. Each of these courses is in excess of \$400, so at some point we will need to find \$2400 to get them through.

It would be great to see a few more of the juniors working towards this also.

Thank you for your support and thank you for being here today.

Regards

Derek Ridgley

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