



# Victorian Optimist Fleet 2018 President's Report



VIODA aims to promote opportunity for all Optimist sailors in Victoria to achieve their aspirations in a fun, fair and healthy environment.



## Our fleet

- The VIODA Committee
  - Representation from all major Victorian Optimist Clubs
  - Coaching committee x3
  - General Committee x8
- Fantastic Coaches
  - Team work between coaches
  - Sharing of information and support of sailors
- Current membership: 100 (including siblings)
- High female participation
- Geographically dispersed membership base
  - Eg. Albury Wodonga, Apollo Bay, Sorrento, City Clubs, Geelong, Indented Head, Somers



## VIODA 3 keys to success

- Victorian Optimist community has fantastic coaches
  - Motivated & great coaches working in partnership
  - Inclusive & open training
  - Keeping kids engaged and sailing
- Good communication
  - Website / Facebook / Email / TeamApp
- Share Our Success
  - Feeling proud of our achievements
  - Share our stories and photos



## Where are we now?

- Increased depth of talent in the fleet
  - Inclusive training open to all sailors
  - Creation of future depth in the fleet
- Varied training locations for different conditions
  - e.g. North & South Port Phillip Bay, Lake training, Corio Bay
- Congratulations to Australian Representative Teams/Overseas competition
  - AOST Europeans: Linus Talacko, Finn McMahon
  - AOST Asians: Mason Mahoney, James Jackson, Anna Cripsey
  - AOSDS: Matty Goss, Phillip Cripsey
  - AODS: Aidan Simmons
  - AOGS: Sophie McKenzie, Claudia McMahon
  - China Exchange Tour - Qingdao, China
- Consistent training throughout the year to accelerate skills development



# Winter Sailing at Albert Park Lake

- Why travel to the Lake in Winter?
  - Learn to sail in light & shifty wind conditions
  - Learn what effect buildings and land structures have on wind
  - Flat Water sailing in colder winter months
  - Increase time on water pre-season
- Why do clubs come together during winter?
  - Opportunity for coaches to share knowledge and support
  - Bring sailors together to build friendships
  - Assist smaller clubs who need to access resources
  - Social/friendship building for parents/supporters



## Our fleets favourite 2017 regatta:

- SAIL COUNTRY has been voted our favourite regatta for both sailor and support team
- Details:
  - Melbourne Cup long w/e
  - Fantastic Camping
  - FUN FUN FUN
  - Regatta
    - Saturday & Sunday
  - VIODA Camp
    - Monday & Tuesday





# China Exchange Qingdao, China

- Fantastic International travel program (5 Year Anniversary in 2018)
  - 6 Intermediate sailors travel to Qingdao for training camp and regatta
  - Wonderful cultural exchange and junior sailors first experience in international travel.
- [2014 VIODA Tour Video](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pyxo2QZ7-4w)  
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# Annual Girls Camp

- Annual Girls Camp & Sleepover at Albert Park
  - Female Coaches & Senior Optimist girls leadership development
  - Focus on friendship & confidence in skills
  - [2017 VIODA Camp Video](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xtiu-sZD8Mc) -  
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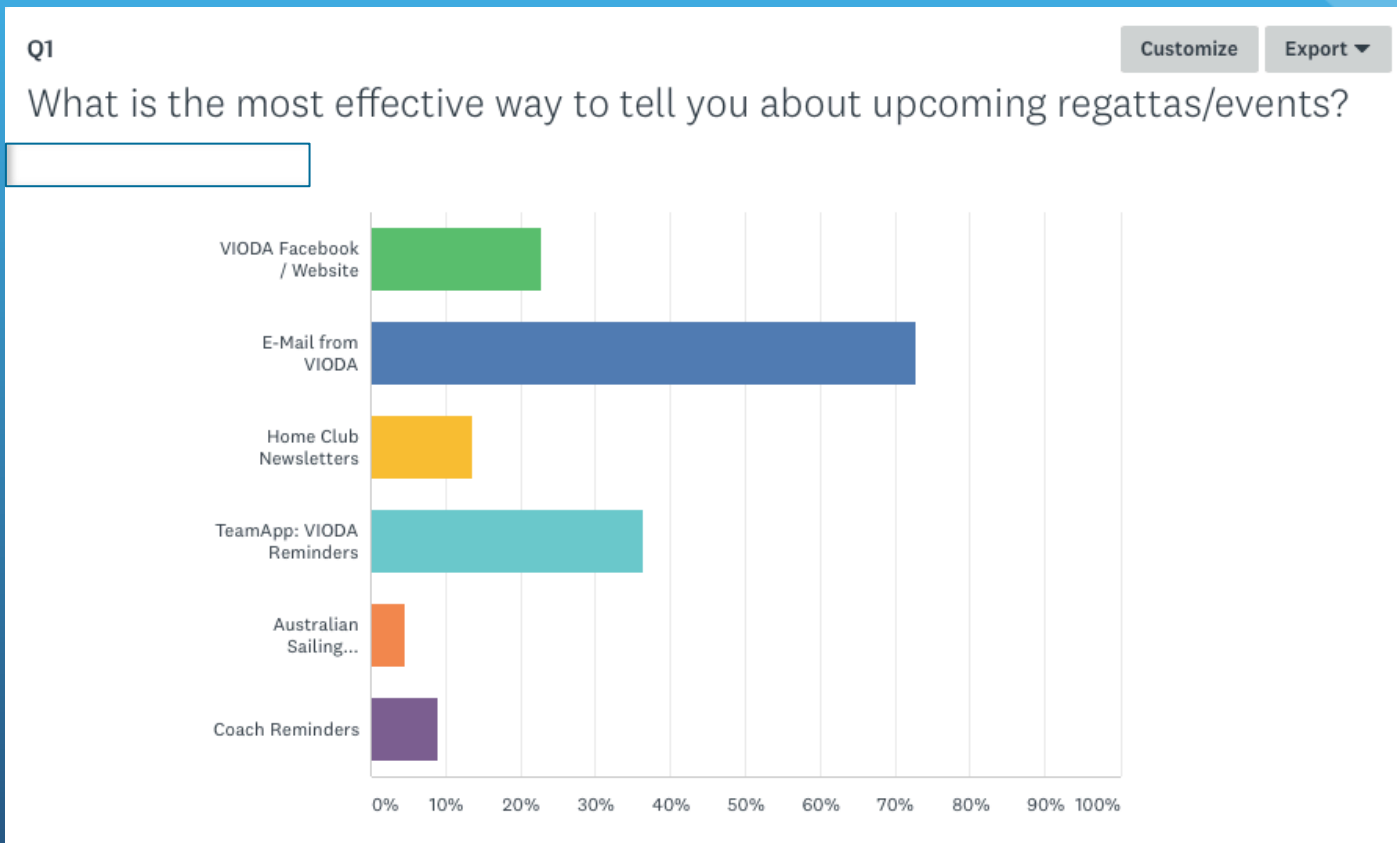


## NEW - Victorian Junior Carnival

- New VIODA initiative in partnership with:
  - Australian Sailing
  - Junior Class Associations
    - Minnow
    - Open Bic
    - International Cadet
  - Aim to build participation numbers in junior sailing in Victoria
  - Encourage transition into boat ownership post Tackers
  - Next Junior Carnival location:
    - Mornington Yacht Club 2019



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Rate the key elements you consider when selecting the regatta:

- 100% - Race Management / Racing
- 67% - Fun - Looking for fun family events
- 41%
  - Location- How easy to get to?
  - Money - Value for money
- 27%
  - Venue - Good food / Canteen
  - Parking & Access
- 17% -Teams Selection



	Spring Sail	Sail Sandy	Sail Country	George Mac	Sail Melb.	Australia National	Lidgett	States	VIC Junior & Youth	QLD Youth	NSW Youth
Quality Racing	★★★★	★★ ★★	★★ ★★	★★★ ★★	★★★ ★★	★★★★	★★ ★★	★★ ★★	★★★★	★	★★ ★★
Venue/ Location	★★ ★★	★★ ★★	★★★ ★★	★★ ★★	★★★★	★★ ★★	★★ ★★	★★ ★★	★★★★	★★	★★ ★★
Ease to attend le. Annual leave	★★★★	★★ ★★	★★ ★★	★★★ ★★	★★ ★★	★★	★★ ★★	★★ ★★	★★★★	★	★★★★
Rec: GREEN Fleet	★★	★★★★	★★★ ★★	★★★★	★	★★ ★★	★★★ ★★	★★ ★★	★★	★★	★★★★
Rec: INT. Fleet	★★★ ★★	★★ ★★	★★★ ★★	★★ ★★	★★ ★★	★★ ★★	★★★ ★★	★★★ ★★	★★ ★★	★★	★★★★
Rec: OPEN Fleet	★★★ ★★	★★★ ★★	★★★ ★★	★★★ ★★	★★★ ★★	★★★ ★★	★★ ★★	★★★ ★★	★★★ ★★	★★★★	★★ ★★

# Team Selection - Victorian & Australian

For further information on Team Selection:

## Australian Representative Teams:

- Selected at Nationals based on results
- Further information on selection criteria.  
[www.optimist.org.au](http://www.optimist.org.au)
- Discuss with your coaches

## Victorian Representative Teams:

- Victorian Sailing Team
  - Coaching & Team now managed by VIODA
  - Further Information at [www.vioda.org.au](http://www.vioda.org.au)
  - Discuss with your coaches

# 2018/19 Optimist Calendar

- VIODA Centralised Winter Lake Sailing - Albert Park Lake
- VIODA Girls Camp - Albert Park Lake
- VIODA Chinese Exchange Program - Qingdao, China
- Major Regattas:
  - Spring Sail
  - NSW Youths
  - Sail Sandy
  - Sail Country
  - Sail Melbourne
  - Australian Nationals
  - State Championships
  - Junior & Youth Regatta
  - New Zealand Nationals
- Calendar: <http://vioda.org.au/coaching>

# Thank You

- Thank you to the wonderful 2017/18 VIODA Committee
  - Joanne McKenzie, Grant Berry, Jan Talacko, Owen McMahon, Christian Cantwell, Sam Mackay, Linda Holmes, Darren Wareing, Russel Withers, Kate Goss
- Thank you to all Victorian Optimist coaches including a special mention to:
  - Sam Mackay, Brian Case, Ricci Denghi, Mel Hitchen-Haw, Dave White, Rhett Gowans, Tyrone Gowans
- Thank you to all Victorian clubs including a special mention to:
  - MYC, RBYC, RGYC, SYC, SSCBC, BYS, ASC, AWYC, DBYC

# Announcing 2018/19 Committee

VIODA Committee, General Committee and Co-opted Members:

- Kate Goss - SYC
- Peter Lavery - Somers YC
- Joanne McKenzie - MYC
- Linda Holmes - RBYC
- Stuart Zerbe - RBYC
- Christian Cantwell - RGYC
- Xavier Vandame - WSC
- Russel Withers - SYC
- Jan Talacko - RBYC
- Owen McMahon - ASC
- HEAD COACH: Sam Mackay



## What Next

- Continue to drive CONSISTENCY of coaching methods and standards in Victoria
- Continue to SUPPORT families being able to access time on water
- GRASSROOTS development
  - Further development of the Victorian Junior Carnival
  - Increase transition rate from Tackers to boat ownership
- Continued focus on INCLUSIVITY
- Further develop our partnership with other junior classes and youth classes

We look forward to seeing you on the water again soon.

Kate Goss - VIODA President