

# VICTORIAN INTERNATIONAL OPTIMIST DINGHY ASSOCIATION INC.

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - SUNDAY 13 MARCH 2022

### 2022 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

We have had another busy year full of pre-season Winter training, Summer regattas, 2 National Titles, pandemic challenges including lock downs and some excellent performance results. It is exciting to have a good number of Victorians so successful at a national level.

VIODA aims to promote opportunities for ALL OPTIMIST sailors in Victoria to achieve their aspirations in a fun, fair and healthy environment.

#### 2021 STATES - RYCV

The 2021 Opti State Championships held at the RYCV Williamstown from 6-8<sup>th</sup> March 2021 was a successful event, however there was a much-reduced fleet size from the previous year with 81 competitors in March 2020 down to 49 in March 2021. Obvious possible reasons being COVID, travel restrictions, lack of support at club level with clear pathways from Tackers programs / lack of resources and coaching staff.

RYCV were very accommodating and have excellent facilities, they are eager to work with us on future events.

#### 2021 NATIONALS – Adelaide Sailing Club

68 Open, 27 Intermediate, 22 Green Fleet

Excellent venue for the Nationals, well run, excellent to deal with and supportive of the Optimist fleet.

#### VIC Sailors who made the top 20 in OPEN FLEET:

1<sup>st</sup> Aidan Simmons IHYC

6<sup>th</sup> Riley Cantwell – RGYC / SSCBC

8<sup>th</sup> Callum Simmons – IHYC

12<sup>th</sup> Dmitry Sorokin SYC

13<sup>th</sup> Sam Henderson – RGYC / SYC

17<sup>th</sup> Jorja Mahoney - RGYC

20<sup>th</sup> Liam Stevens – SYC

#### INTERMEDIATE FLEET – VIC Sailors in Top 10

5<sup>th</sup> Hugo Henderson – RGYC

7<sup>th</sup> Will Haines – RBYC

**No VIC Green Fleet Sailors entered this regatta.**

## **2022 MUSTO AUSTRALIAN OPTIMIST CHAMPIONSHIPS – Georges River 16' SAILING CLUB**

69 Open, 28 Intermediate, 14 Green Fleet

This was a successful regatta, albeit the Tsunami warning stopping racing for a day and some heavy weather.

It was decided to not run the Teams Racing at this Nationals due to the COVID restrictions and a shorter timeline to get the Nationals completed in.

### **Well done to the VIC Sailors in the top 20 OPEN FLEET:**

1<sup>st</sup> Aidan Simmons – IHYC / SSCBC

6<sup>th</sup> Callum Simmons – IHYC / SSCBC

7<sup>th</sup> Dmitry Sorokin – SYC

9<sup>th</sup> Henri Levenspiel – SSCBC

12<sup>th</sup> Jorja Mahoney – RGYC

14<sup>th</sup> Sam Henderson – IHYC / SYC

### **INTERMEDIATE FLEET – VIC Sailors in Top 10**

1<sup>st</sup> Hugo Henderson – IHYC

4<sup>th</sup> Ewan Darlow – SYC

### **GREEN FLEET – VIC SAILORS**

1<sup>st</sup> Eamon Godsall – MSC

7<sup>th</sup> Arielle Darlow - SYC

## **2022 STATES AT SYC**

We have 76 entries in the 2022 International Optimist Victorian Championship at SYC this weekend with 39 Open Fleet, 17 Intermediate Fleet and 20 Green Fleet.

## **MOVING FORWARD**

- No further “VOST only” training sessions. VIODA aim to be inclusive to all members, so we need to ensure coaching is always offered to all VIODA members of all sailing abilities. Training opportunities available to all levels ensures we support the future depth of the fleet.
- Winter Training at Albert Park Lake to have subsidized entry cost to members.

## **SPONSORS**

- The committee have got some great sponsors on board with Cygnett, Sly Boat Building & Repair Centre, Bakers Delight, Rooster, North Sails and Carman's. Thank you for all the work that has gone into getting these companies onboard.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**VIC Youth Coaching Clinic** – RYCV – 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> April 2022

**VIC Youth Champs** – RYCV – 16<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> April 2022

**SAIL BELLARINE – IHYC** – 30<sup>th</sup> April, 1<sup>st</sup> May 2022

**ALBERT PARK LAKE – WINTER TRAINING** - We plan to follow the same format as last year with Block sessions and school holiday intensive sessions which have worked well prior to COVID lockdowns interrupting the program. Bringing the kids together from all over the bay helps to forge friendships and connections. The kids learn to sail in light and shifty wind conditions, learn how buildings and land structures influence the wind, flat water sailing in cold conditions, increase time on water.

**ANNUAL GIRLS CAMP AND SLEEPOVER** at Albert Park has always been a successful weekend. We look forward to bringing that back this year. Aim is to focus on friendship and confidence in skills with female coaches & senior Optimist girls leadership development.

**SAIL COUNTRY** – after this event being cancelled for 2 years running due to the COVID Pandemic we look forward to this regatta returning to the success it has always been. This regatta held is on Melbourne Cup long weekend Saturday & Sunday followed by a VIODA Coaching Camp Monday & Tuesday.

## AUSTRALIAN REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS / OVERSEAS COMPETITION

AOST WORLDS: Aidan Simmons

AOST Europeans: Dmitri Sorokin, Callum Simmons

AOST ASIANS: - TBA – EVENT POSTPONED Due to COVID OMNICRON Variant

AOSDS: TBA

AODS: TBA

## 2023 STATE TITLES

Mornington have officially stepped down as a possible hosting club so an opportunity to host the 2023 VIC OPTI STATE TITLES is available. Possible interested clubs who have recently hosted and are likely to have the resources to host again would be SSCBC, RYCV and SYC.

## THANK YOU

Thank you to each 2021/2022 VIODA Committee member for playing your part in a successful year. It has been a challenging 12 months with COVID restrictions playing havoc throughout scheduled training / events. Your assistance throughout the year is greatly appreciated.

*VIODA COMMITTEE: Christian Cantwell (P), Bret Levenspiel (VP), Gary Cameron (S), Michael Cantwell (T), Cathy Trudinger (OM), Leah Keh (OM), Rachel Griffith (OM), Nick Darlow (OM)*

Victorian Optimist Coaches that have assisted the VIODA programs this year with special mention to Dave White and Jack Lewis.

Victorian Clubs who have hosted and supported our events such as RYCV, ASC, SSCBC and SYC.

Christian Cantwell - VIODA President 2021/2022.