

# BALMORAL SAILING CLUB



## 2023-2024

## CLUB HANDBOOK

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# Welcome and Introduction

Welcome to the 2023 sailing season. This handbook provides you with a host of information about your club and activities in the coming season.

## ON THE WATER

Our club conducts a range of on-water sailing activities including:

- racing on Saturdays
- junior sailing program on Saturdays
- informal group sailing / training organised at class level
- twilight sailing / training Thursday evenings during daylight savings
- volunteer run race management and safety boat driving

Any dinghy and sailboard sailors are welcome to sail with us. Our active classes include Tasar, National E, Contender, RS Aero, Laser, Foiling Moth, Scow Moth, Mirror dinghies and Windsurfers.

## OFF THE WATER

Our renovated clubhouse is set up for:

- post sailing social activities
- allocated storage for boats / boards

### Club and race management

Our activities are volunteer run. We always have opportunities for sailors and non-sailors to get involved in running the club, whether it be driving rescue boats on race day or administrative.

Please contact me or any of the club representative if you have any questions. Looking forward to seeing at the club and on the water!

Michael Savery  
Commodore

## **Background - Club Facilities**

Balmoral Sailing Club is located at the Eastern end of Balmoral Beach. For members we provide boat storage bays on the ground level and on the first floor there are meeting spaces, food preparation area, a race management office, storeroom, change rooms and toilets.

On the ground floor Balmoral Water Sports has a reception desk for its sailing school and boat hire service. There are toilets on the ground floor and hot and cold showers at the back of the clubhouse. The club has a Bosuns locker on the ground floor.

The club has three support boats, Balmoral, Yellow Fin and Snapper. These boats are moored and accessed with a tender which is stored in Bay A.

Boats rig in the public park on a grassed area opposite the club house. Most boats are stored at the club, a number are brought on road trailers.

## **RISK WARNING**

Risk Warning under Section 5m of Civil Liability Act 2002 (NSW) Balmoral Sailing Club Incorporated (“The Club”) organizes, administers and conducts a range of activities associated with the sport and recreational activities of sailing, boating and water activities generally; some of these activities are organised in conjunction with other associations or bodies. The Club expects all club members and any other persons who may be participating in these activities to take responsibility for their own safety (and the safety of any persons under their care) by, amongst other things, wearing compulsory safety equipment being aware of and following The Club rules and safety rules in The Club Handbook and by behaving in a safe and reasonable manner towards fellow members, participants in the activities and any officials; and taking care of The Club’s equipment, their equipment and that of any other member, participant or official. Whilst The Club takes measures to make the activities (including sporting activities) as safe as possible for all participants, there is a risk that participants can be injured and suffer loss (including financial loss) and damage as a result of their participation in these activities, whether in formal races, training or any activity that could have an association with The Club. Injury may result from the participant’s action or inaction, the action or inaction of others, or equipment failure, inadequacy, malfunction, misuse or similar, or other causes. It is possible that an injury can be serious, could result in temporary or permanent disability and/or be life threatening. Members or any participants could also suffer loss because of their personal property (or any property for which they are responsible) being lost, stolen, damaged or destroyed.

## BALMORAL SAILING CLUB OFFICIALS 2023-2024

Balmoral Sailing Club (BSC) is registered as an incorporated association in NSW under the Associations Incorporation Act 2009. The club is managed by a Board of up to nine directors.

### Executive Officers

**Commodore:** Michael Savery

**Club Captain:** Kevin Wadham

**Treasurer:** Richard Shaw

**Secretary:** Laurie Hoffman

**Vice Commodore:** Andrew Dent

**Rear Commodore:** Karen Savery

**Directors:** Rob Owe-Young, Martin French, Glenn Price

### Committees / Contact Details

Position	Convener	Mobile	Email
Commodore	Michael Savery	0490 852 936	<a href="mailto:commodore@balmoralsc.com.au">commodore@balmoralsc.com.au</a>
Club Captain	Kevin Wadham	0402 008 704	<a href="mailto:clubcaptain@balmoralsc.com.au">clubcaptain@balmoralsc.com.au</a>
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Racking	Murray Freeman	0412 667 934	<a href="mailto:racking@balmoralsc.com.au">racking@balmoralsc.com.au</a>
Secretary	Laurie Hoffman	0437 595 455	<a href="mailto:secretary@balmoralsc.com.au">secretary@balmoralsc.com.au</a>

### CONTACT & DONATION DETAILS

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Facebook	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/BalmoralSailingClub">Balmoral Sailing Club</a>
Tax-deductible Donations	<a href="http://asf.org.au/projects/balmoral-sailing-club/">asf.org.au/projects/balmoral-sailing-club/</a>

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### GETTING HERE:

#### **CAR PARKING**

Pay and Display parking is available in the Balmoral Foreshore Reserve. Alternatively, annual 'Saturday' parking stickers, valid from 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023, can be purchased by non-Mosman residents or are available free of charge for Mosman residents. Go to [www.mosman.nsw.gov.au/residents/parking](http://www.mosman.nsw.gov.au/residents/parking) to download the application form. Free, on the street parking, is also available within walking distance of the club.

#### **PUBLIC TRANSPORT**

To find out how to get to the club using public transport including the buses that run directly to Balmoral Beach: : [www.transportnsw.info](http://www.transportnsw.info)

### CLUBHOUSE:

#### **NON-SMOKING VENUE**

Balmoral Sailing Club is a non-smoking premise.

#### **FIRST AID**

If a representative of Balmoral Sailing Club should at any time consider that your child/children require/s medical or hospital treatment, you consent to them obtaining this at your expense.

#### **DEFIBRILLATOR**

The club's defibrillator is located on the wall in the downstairs entry foyer. It is simple to use, and no formal training is needed. Take it off the wall (the alarm will sound meaning that the backup power supply has been disconnected) and the unit will literally start talking to you and guiding you through the process.

#### **BAY KEYS**

Keys to the clubhouse and boat storage bays are available for \$70.00 from the Key Officer, John Balass. The \$70.00 is refundable on return of the key.

#### **USE OF THE CLUBHOUSE**

Club members may book the clubhouse for approved events on days sailing is not being held. A very reasonable cleaning fee may apply. The clubhouse MUST be booked through the Secretary. The clubhouse is to be left clean after use. An additional fee may apply to any member or class that does not comply with this requirement.

#### **SECURITY**

Security of the club is everyone's responsibility. Please ensure all doors and roller shutters are locked when the club is or will be unattended, such as when you are out sailing. Please be security conscious and aware of any non-members you notice lingering around the club.

### DONATIONS/PAYMENT:

#### **DONATIONS**

To make a tax-deductible donation to BSC: [asf.org.au/projects/balmoral-sailing-club/](http://asf.org.au/projects/balmoral-sailing-club/)

#### **BANK DETAILS**

**BSB:** 633 000    **A/C No:** 195059969    **A/C Name:** Balmoral Sailing Club Incorporated

**MEMBERSHIP (see also Membership section page for fees):**

***NEW MEMBERS***

The club has developed a mentoring program whereby Class Captains or their nominees take new members under the wing to ensure they are made to feel welcome and helped to understand the way the club operates. Please contact [clubcaptain@balmoralsc.com.au](mailto:clubcaptain@balmoralsc.com.au) for more information.

***CHANGE OF ADDRESS***

Members are requested to advise the club immediately, in writing, of any change of contact details, including address, email, and telephone number, as well as change of boat. These details should be emailed to the Membership Officer, Murray Freeman: [membership@balmoralsc.com.au](mailto:membership@balmoralsc.com.au)

**SAILING:**

***RULES OF SAILING***

ALL club members must abide by the *latest* **RACING RULES OF SAILING**. Download a copy at: [sailingresources.org.au/class-assoc/racing-rules/](http://sailingresources.org.au/class-assoc/racing-rules/)

***SAILING INSTRUCTIONS***

Sailing instructions are available on the website. It is the responsibility of every person competing in club events to be fully conversant with these instructions.

***BOAT INSURANCE***

All boats racing at the club must be insured for at least third party to the level of \$10,000,000.

***BOATS RETIRING FROM RACE***

Any boat that retires from a race must notify the race committee in accordance with the sailing instructions (i.e. sign off on the 'Sign Off' tablet located near the front door of the club or by using the link on the BSC website).

***TRAILERS, BOAT STANDS, ETC***

All trailers, trolleys and cradles must be left in the nominated areas when out sailing. Refer to the map on the official noticeboard for details. They should also not be left overnight or for extended periods. Trailers are not to be left in car parking bays.

***VISITORS***

Visitors, who are financial members of another sailing club, may sail in any event conducted by Balmoral Sailing Club. Visitors cannot compete for prizes in any club point score or club championship event.

**STARTING OUT?: GETTING INVOLVED IN SAILING:**

***LEARN TO SAIL***

The club sponsors a sailing school, which operates from the club's premises and provides a range of services for children, teens and adults including tuition, school holiday programs, equipment hire and instructor courses. The sailing school also offers the Tackers' Program – an introductory, games-based sailing program designed for children, 7 to 12 years of age. Please contact Jono Allen 9960 5344, [info@sailingschool.com.au](mailto:info@sailingschool.com.au) or visit their website: <https://www.balmoralwatersportscenter.com.au/>



## JUNIOR SAILING

The BSC Junior Sailing group is an open, competitive fleet for young sailors with initial sailing experience (as helm or crew) who are looking to go to the next level within the club. The group sails on Saturday mornings during the sailing season. A coach will be used (coaching fee is \$150 for the season; Note: junior boat owners fee applies towards the coaching fee) and parents are encouraged to be involved with the club either onshore or offshore. For more information contact Andrew Dent, e: [juniorsailing@balmoralsc.com.au](mailto:juniorsailing@balmoralsc.com.au) or p: 0405 973 519.

## CREWING POSITIONS

The club helps link aspiring crew with willing skippers via the Crew Register which is maintained by Boyd Newton. To access the Crew Register email [crew@balmoralsc.com.au](mailto:crew@balmoralsc.com.au)

## 2023-2024 SAILING SEASON

**2023-2024 CLUB RACING PROGRAM –PLEASE CHECK WEBSITE FOR LATEST VERSION:** <http://www.balmoralsc.com.au/program.html>

## CLASS INFORMATION 2023-2024

Class	Position/Name	Mobile	Email
Contender	Class Captain: Keith Spencer		<a href="mailto:contender@balmoralsc.com.au">contender@balmoralsc.com.au</a>
	<b>Association Event Info:</b>	<a href="https://www.revolutionise.com.au/ICAA/home/">https://www.revolutionise.com.au/ICAA/home/</a>	
Mirror	Class Captain: Gavin Cooke	0413 740 339	<a href="mailto:mirror@balmoralsc.com.au">mirror@balmoralsc.com.au</a>
	Vice-Captain: Andrew Dent	0405 973 519	<a href="mailto:juniorsailing@balmoralsc.com.au">juniorsailing@balmoralsc.com.au</a>
	<b>Association Event Info:</b>	<a href="http://www.imcansw.org/mirro-calender.html">www.imcansw.org/mirro-calender.html</a>	
Moth	Class Captain: Andrew Sim	0402 688 779	<a href="mailto:moth@balmoralsc.com.au">moth@balmoralsc.com.au</a>
	<b>Association Event Info:</b>	<a href="http://www.moth.asn.au/events/">www.moth.asn.au/events/</a>	
Scow Moth	Class Captain: Mike Salter		<a href="mailto:scowmoth@balmoralsc.com.au">scowmoth@balmoralsc.com.au</a>
National E	Class Captain: Peter Nixey	0409 065 299	<a href="mailto:nationale@balmoralsc.com.au">nationale@balmoralsc.com.au</a>
	Handicapper: Ken Wilson	0412 331 509	<a href="mailto:frankenzan@optusnet.com.au">frankenzan@optusnet.com.au</a>
	<b>Association Event Info:</b>	<a href="http://www.nationale.org.au/wp/calendar">www.nationale.org.au/wp/calendar</a>	
RS Aero	Class Captain: Richard Shaw	0422 234 203	<a href="mailto:rsaero@balmoralsc.com.au">rsaero@balmoralsc.com.au</a>
	<b>Association Event Info:</b>	<a href="http://www.rsarosailing.org/index.asp?p=events&amp;rg=Australia">www.rsarosailing.org/index.asp?p=events&amp;rg=Australia</a>	
Windsurfer	Class Captain: Martin French	0425 286 190	<a href="mailto:windsurfer@balmoralsc.com.au">windsurfer@balmoralsc.com.au</a>
	Vice Captain: Stephen Arlom	0418 260 04	
	Association Event Info:	<a href="http://www.windsurferclassaus.com/">http://www.windsurferclassaus.com/</a>	
Tasar	Class Captain: Mia Garlic		<a href="mailto:tasar@balmoralsc.com.au">tasar@balmoralsc.com.au</a>
	Co-Captain: Duncan Stone	0400 403 395	
	Handicapper: John Rendle		<a href="mailto:john@rendle.com.au">john@rendle.com.au</a>
	<b>Association Event Info:</b>	<a href="http://www.tasar.org/regions/australia/new-south-wales/program">www.tasar.org/regions/australia/new-south-wales/program</a>	

**ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS / OTHER FEES**  
**(as of 1 September 2024\*)**

Annual membership subscriptions and other fees, including racking fees, are due and payable on 1st September each year. Subscriptions and fees must be paid within two months of them becoming due otherwise membership will lapse. A late payment fee may be charged on any subscription or fee paid after the due date. If you intend to cease sailing with the club, please email Membership Officer, Murray Freeman, to avoid fees being charged.

**Only members of BSC can sail in club events. Only financial members can be awarded points in club events.**

**By becoming a financial member of BSC you will be provided with an Australian Sailing (AS) Number. An AS Number is required to race in any association event.**

<b>Membership Type*</b>	<b>Annual Fee*</b>	<b>Boat Owner's Fee*</b>
Family	\$615	\$205
Senior	\$330	\$205
Junior	\$190	\$65; Junior Coaching Fee \$300
Race Official	\$30	
Social	\$175	
Temporary	\$0	Up to 3 times

\*These fees apply as at 01/09/2023. The club reserves the right to vary these fees at any time.

\*\*Boat owner fees for juniors will be waived for juniors who pay the coaching fee.

**Membership Categories**

The club has five major membership categories. We encourage membership of families and our fees are structured to ensure that all members of a family can afford to participate as members.

***To determine which membership category applies please read the definitions below.***

**1. Family**

A **family** comprises the spouse and immediate children of the applicant. The children need to qualify as 'Junior' members in terms of the description below.

**2. Senior**

A **senior** is a person over 18 years of age.

**3. Junior**

A **junior** is a person who is 18 years or under as at the 1 September of the year in which the subscriptions and/or fees are due and payable.

*NB. A junior member under the age of 16 years must have at least one associated adult member in any of the other membership categories: family, senior, race official or social.*

#### **4. Race Official**

A **race official** is usually a volunteer who donates his or her services to the club (i.e. Race Control, Safety Patrol, etc.) and does not sail regularly.

#### **5. Social**

A **social** member is a person who does not sail in club races or events, is not a race official and is not involved in the administration of the club.

#### **6. Temporary**

A temporary member may sail with the club for up to three days in a season before needing to become a permanent member. A temporary member must register with SAILPASS on the Balmoral website.

#### **Boat Owner's Categories**

The Boat Owner's fee is an annual charge, payable for each boat you intend to register and race with the Club. It covers all your weekly Race Entry fees. There is a Senior and Junior Boat Owner's fee.

##### ***The correct fee to pay is determined as follows:***

1. If the boat to be registered is helmed by a person who qualifies as a Senior member, then the Senior Boat Owner's Fee is payable.
2. If the boat is helmed by a person who qualifies as a Junior member, then the Junior Boat Owner's Fee is payable.

#### **General**

Fees may be halved for new members joining the club on or after 1 February in any season and reduced to zero if joining after 1 April.

#### **Australian Sailing**

Australian Sailing (AS) is the governing body for the sport of sailing in Australia responsible for the administration, promotion, and development of sailing. BSC is a member of AS and through this membership receives the support of AS including personal accident cover for club members and course participants. BSC pays an annual membership fee to AS. By becoming a financial member of BSC you will automatically be entitled to the benefits available from AS including personal accident insurance and will be provided with an AS number.

#### **Membership Enquiries**

Membership Officer, Murray Freeman, e: [membership@balmoralsc.com.au](mailto:membership@balmoralsc.com.au) or p: 0412 667 934

#### **Bank Details**

## RACKING FEES

<b>Racking</b>	<b>Annual Fee*</b>
Senior Dinghies by rack level	
4 <sup>th</sup> level	\$310
3 <sup>rd</sup> level	\$310
2 <sup>nd</sup> level	\$465
Ground level	\$755
<b>Junior Dinghies and other craft</b>	
Junior dinghies, MJs, BICs, etc	\$170
Windsurfers	\$170
Kayaks, surf skis, canoes	\$865

\* These fees apply as at 01/09/2023. The club reserves the right to vary these fees at any time.

The Balmoral Sailing Club Incorporated Boat Storage License Agreement (of 1<sup>st</sup> September 2017) can be downloaded at [www.balmoralsc.com.au/racking.html](http://www.balmoralsc.com.au/racking.html).

### ***The following addresses the key points of the racking license and fees:***

1. Only club members can store a boat in the clubhouse
2. All members storing a boat at the club must agree to the Boat Storage Licence Agreement
3. Each racking application must be accompanied by a Racking Application Fee of \$50.00, (non-refundable) for each boat. The fee is payable for each racking application made, including applications from new owners of boats already racked at the club.
4. Racking fees are payable annually in advance. Fees become due on 1 September each year. A late payment fee may be charged for fees paid after the due date.
5. Boats racked with the club MUST compete at least one week in three in the club's sailing program. The board may grant an exemption to this rule in extenuating circumstances. Applications for exemption must be made IN WRITING (via email: [board@balmoralsc.com.au](mailto:board@balmoralsc.com.au)) to the board. Failure to comply with this condition may result in your boat being either re-allocated to another rack or removed from the clubhouse.
6. Racking spaces are NOT TRANSFERABLE.
7. Should you wish to remove your boat from the clubhouse, you must advise the club in writing or via email ([racking@balmoralsc.com.au](mailto:racking@balmoralsc.com.au)). All outstanding fees, including the current fee, must be paid prior to the boat being removed.
8. Keys to the boat storage bays are available for \$70.00 from the Key Officer, John Balass. The \$70.00 is refundable on return of the key.
9. Bays are to be kept locked when you are rigging on the beach or out sailing. Do not rely on other people to lock up! Please be security conscious at all times as equipment has gone missing from the boat storage bays because of carelessness.

10. All boats are racked at the owner's own risk. The club is not responsible for any boats or equipment that are damaged or removed from the clubhouse. Security of any boats and equipment is the owner's responsibility.
11. Any boat stored on the club premises, for which racking fees have not been paid, is liable to be removed from the club premises. The club reserves the right to recoup outstanding racking fees by selling boats for which racking fees have not been paid.
12. Ensure all equipment is clearly marked with your name and sail number and is stored in your rack with your boat. Masts for certain classes may be stored elsewhere as directed by the Racking Officer. Again, make sure the mast is clearly marked. If not clearly marked your goods may be mistaken by the board as not authorised and you run the risk of them being moved, removed, or impounded.
13. Limited number of surf skis and kayaks are stored in racks unsuitable for club boats.

## **Our Vision and Values**

***Balmoral Sailing Club aspires to be...*** an open and friendly club that encourages competitive sailors of all ages and abilities.

***At Balmoral Sailing Club we value...***

- **Community**

We welcome people of all backgrounds, ages and abilities and foster a sense of camaraderie and connection in all that we do.

- **Enjoyment**

We enjoy the adventure of taking on a challenge, sharing knowledge and socialising.

- **Friendly Competition**

We strive to achieve our best while displaying sportsmanship and sharing our experiences and knowledge.

- **Personal Growth**

We grow by teaching and learning new skills; challenging ourselves on the water; volunteering; and working as a team to create an extraordinary club.

- **Safety**

Safety is paramount. We look out for each other, on and off the water, so we can all come back to enjoy another day.

## **Donate to help BSC**

In 2015, we celebrated the 70th anniversary of the formation of Balmoral Sailing Club, by launching a fund-raising appeal for two major projects to ensure we remain a vibrant, healthy sailing club:

1. to provide funds for upkeep of the newly renovated clubhouse to meet the needs of our growing membership base and to comply with current building codes.
2. to replace our aging power boats to allow us to continue to provide quality and safe sailing experiences for all.

In the past two years the club has received \$15,000 in donations, either directly or via the Australian Sports Foundation. We thank all those who have donated.

**To find out more or to make a tax-deductible donation go to:**

**[asf.org.au/projects/balmoral-sailing-club/](http://asf.org.au/projects/balmoral-sailing-club/)**