

BALMORAL SAILING CLUB



2024-2025 SAILING PROGRAM and CLUB HANDBOOK balmoralsc.com.au

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Welcome and Introduction

Welcome to the 2024-2025 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!

Kevin Wadham
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, Bungaree, 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 2024-2025

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: Kevin Wadham

Club Captain: Heather Forton

Treasurer: Richard Shaw

Secretary: Laurie Hoffman

Vice Commodore: Karen Savery

Rear Commodore: Andrew Dent

Directors: Nick Collis-George, Fabio Zaccaria-Alves, Michael Savery

Committees / Contact Details

Position	Convener	Mobile	Email
Commodore	Kevin Wadham	0402 008 704	commodore@balmoralsc.com.au
Club Captain	Heather Forton	0422 021 057	clubcaptain@balmoralsc.com.au
Crew Register	Boyd Newton	0415 616 316	Boyd.newton@balmoralsc.com.au
Finance	Richard Shaw	0422 234 203	treasurer@balmoralsc.com.au
House	Laurie Hoffman	04 37 595 455	house@balmoralsc.com.au
IT	John Doman	0411 814 168	John.doman@balmoralsc.com.au
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Membership	Murray Freeman	0412 667 934	membership@balmoralsc.com.au
Race Coordinator	Karen Savery	0419 751 764	race@balmoralsc.com.au
Racking	Nick Collis-George	0421 008 485	racking@balmoralsc.com.au
Secretary	Laurie Hoffman	0437 595 455	secretary@balmoralsc.com.au

CONTACT & DONATION DETAILS

Correspondence	25 Plunkett Street Mosmans NSW 2088
Website	balmoralsc.com.au
Email	info@balmoralsc.com.au
Facebook	Balmoral Sailing Club
Tax-deductible Donations	asf.org.au/projects/balmoral-sailing-club/

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 2024 to 30 June 2025, 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 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

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/

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 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

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/

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 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 \$500 for the season; Note: junior boat owners will receive a \$200 discount) and parents are encouraged to be involved with the club either onshore or offshore. For more information contact Tristan Whitehorne, e: juniorsailing@balmoralsc.com.au or p:0410549404

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

VISITORS

Visitors are to pay a visitor's fee and are limited to 3 race days per season.

2024-2025 SAILING SEASON

SWUS – SPRING WARM UP SERIES (START TIME: 1300)

THE PERFECT WAY TO DUST OFF THE COBWEBS AT THE START OF THE SEASON.
BEFORE OUR SEASON KICKS OFF

SPS – SPRING POINT SCORE* (START TIME: 1400)

CLASS RACING IN THE FIRST HALF OF THE SEASON, BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR.

APS – AUTUMN POINT SCORE* (START TIME: 1400)

CLASS RACING IN THE SECOND HALF OF THE SEASON, AFTER THE START OF THE
NEW YEAR.

SCR - SPRINT COURSE RACES – (START TIME 1400) ALL FLEETS TO SAIL A SHORT
COURSE DESIGNED TO KEEP BOATS CLOSE TOGETHER FOR SEVERAL RACES OF
APPROXIMATELY 20 MINUTES DURATION

CC – CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP (START TIME: 1400)

THE PREMIER SERIES OF THE BSC SAILING PROGRAM FOR EACH CLASS.

MAR – MARATHON (START TIME: 1330)

ONE OF THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE SEASON. THE ANNUAL SYDNEY HARBOUR
MARATHON COURSE NORMALLY RUNS FROM BALMORAL TO QUARANTINE, THEN VIA
SHARK ISLAND TO FORT DENISON AND BACK TO BALMORAL. A SHORTER MARATHON
COURSE IS SET FOR THE SLOWER CLASSES. THE WINDSURFERS WILL BE DOING AN
INNER COURSE FORMAT TO KEEP THEM SAFELY AROUND THE START BOAT.

HC – HANDICAP (START TIME: 1400)

HANDICAP RACES OCCUR PERIODICALLY THROUGHOUT THE SPS AND APS SERIES.
CLASS HANDICAPPERS CALCULATE HANDICAPS FOR EACH BOAT IN THE FLEET.
HIGHER PERFORMING BOATS RECEIVE A TIME PENALTY AND START LATER. FIRST
BOAT TO THE FINISH LINE WINS!

NCR – NO CLUB RACING

2024-2025 CLUB RACING PROGRAM – SUBJECT TO CHANGE, PLEASE CHECK WEBSITE FOR LATEST VERSION: [HTTP://WWW.BALMORALSC.COM.AU/PROGRAM.HTML](http://www.balmoralsc.com.au/program.html)

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>ADDITIONAL INFORMATION</u>	<u>SOCIAL EVENT</u>	<u>DUTY CLASS</u>
<u>7 SEP</u>	<u>SWUS</u>	<u>13:00 START</u>		<u>SHARED</u>
<u>14 SEPT</u>	<u>SWUS</u>	<u>13:00 START</u>		<u>SHARED</u>
<u>21 SEPT</u>	<u>SWUS</u>	<u>13:00 START</u>		<u>SHARED</u>
<u>28 SEPT</u>	<u>SWUS</u>	<u>13:00 START</u>		<u>SHARED</u>
<u>5 OCT</u>	<u>NCR</u>	<u>LABOUR DAY</u>	<u>NO RACING</u>	<u>N/A</u>
<u>12 OCT</u>	<u>SPS</u>	<u>WELCOME DAY!!</u>	<u>PIZZA PARTY</u>	<u>TASAR/CONTENDER</u>
<u>19 OCT</u>	<u>CC1</u>		<u>BBQ</u>	<u>WINDSURFER</u>
<u>26 OCT</u>	<u>SPS/HC</u>		<u>BBQ</u>	<u>AERO</u>
<u>2 NOV</u>	<u>SPS</u>		<u>BBQ</u>	<u>MIRROR/MOTH/E</u>
<u>9 NOV</u>	<u>CC2</u>		<u>BBQ</u>	<u>TASAR/CONTENDER</u>
<u>16 NOV</u>	<u>SPS</u>		<u>BBQ</u>	<u>AERO</u>
<u>23 NOV</u>	<u>CC3</u>		<u>BBQ</u>	<u>WINDSURFER</u>
<u>30 NOV</u>	<u>SPS</u>		<u>BBQ</u>	<u>MIRROR/MOTH/E</u>
<u>7 DEC</u>	<u>CC4</u>		<u>BBQ</u>	<u>TASAR/CONTENDER</u>
<u>14 DEC</u>	<u>SCR</u>	<u>SPRINT RACES/CHRISTMAS PARTY</u>	<u>PIZZA PARTY</u>	<u>WINDSURFER</u>
<u>21 DEC</u>	<u>NCR</u>	<u>CHRISTMAS BREAK</u>	<u>NO RACING</u>	<u>N/A</u>
<u>28 DEC</u>	<u>NCR</u>	<u>NEW YEAR BREAK</u>	<u>NO RACING</u>	<u>N/A</u>
<u>4 JAN</u>	<u>NCR</u>	<u>NEW YEAR BREAK</u>	<u>NO RACING</u>	<u>N/A</u>
<u>11 JAN</u>	<u>APS</u>		<u>BBQ</u>	<u>AERO</u>
<u>18 JAN</u>	<u>SCR</u>	<u>SPRINT COURSE RACES</u>	<u>BBQ</u>	<u>WINDSURFER</u>
<u>25 JAN</u>	<u>NCR</u>	<u>AUSTRALIA DAY WEEKEND</u>	<u>NO RACING</u>	<u>N/A</u>
<u>1 FEB</u>	<u>CC5</u>		<u>BBQ</u>	<u>AERO</u>
<u>8 FEB</u>	<u>APS</u>	<u>TASAR TT @ BALMORAL</u>	<u>BBQ</u>	<u>TASAR/CONTENDER</u>

<u>15 FEB</u>	<u>APS/HC</u>		<u>BBQ</u>	<u>MIRROR/MOTH/E</u>
<u>22 FEB</u>	<u>CC6</u>		<u>BBQ</u>	<u>AERO</u>
<u>1 MAR</u>	<u>APS/HC</u>	<u>SYDNEY HARBOUR REGATTA</u>	<u>BBQ</u>	<u>WINDSURFER</u>
<u>8 MAR</u>	<u>CC7</u>		<u>BBQ</u>	<u>AERO</u>
<u>15 MAR</u>	<u>MAR</u>	<u>13:30 START</u>	<u>BBQ</u>	<u>MIRROR/MOTH/E</u>
<u>22 MAR</u>	<u>NCR</u>	<u>SIRIUS CUP</u>	<u>NO RACING</u>	<u>N/A</u>
<u>29 MAR</u>	<u>APS</u>		<u>BBQ</u>	<u>TASAR/CONTENDER</u>
<u>5 APR</u>	<u>SCR</u>	<u>SPRINT COURSE RACES</u>	<u>BBQ</u>	<u>WINDSURFER</u>
<u>12 APR</u>	<u>CC8</u>		<u>BBQ</u>	<u>AERO</u>
<u>19 APR</u>	<u>NCR</u>	<u>EASTER</u>	<u>NO RACING</u>	<u>N/A</u>
<u>26 APR</u>	<u>APS</u>	<u>END OF SEASON</u>	<u>BBQ</u>	<u>WINDSURFER</u>
<u>3 MAY</u>	<u>NCR</u>	<u>PORT STEPHENS</u>	<u>NO RACING</u>	<u>N/A</u>
<u>9 MAY</u>	<u>NCR</u>	<u>PRESENTATION AWARDS</u>		
<u>2AUG</u>	<u>NCR</u>	<u>AGM</u>		

CLASS INFORMATION 2024-2025

Class	Position/Name	Mobile	Email
Contender	Class Captain: Keith Spencer		contender@balmoralsc.com.au
	Association Event Info:	https://www.revolutionise.com.au/ICAA/home/	
	Association Event Info:	www.imcansw.org/mirro-calender.html	
Moth	Class Captain: Andrew Sim	0402 688 779	moth@balmoralsc.com.au
	Association Event Info:	www.moth.asn.au/events/	
Scow Moth	Class Captain: Mike Salter		scowmoth@balmoralsc.com.au
National E	Class Captain: Peter Nixey	0409 065 299	nationale@balmoralsc.com.au
	Handicapper: Ken Wilson	0412 331 509	frankenزان@optusnet.com.au
	Association Event Info:	www.nationale.org.au/wp/calendar	
RS Aero	Class Captain: Simon Adamo		rsaero@balmoralsc.com.au
	Association Event Info:	www.rsaaerosailing.org/index.asp?p=events&rg=Australia	
Windsurfer	Class Captain: Martin French	0425 286 190	windsurfer@balmoralsc.com.au
	Vice Captain: Stephen Arlom	0418 260 04	

	Association Event Info:	http://www.windsurferclassaus.com/
Tasar	Class Captain: Mia & Duncan Garlick	tasar@balmoralsc.com.au
	Handicapper: John Rendle	john@rendle.com.au
	Association Event Info:	www.tasar.org/regions/australia/new-south-wales/program

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 score points in club events. Only financial members can be awarded points in club events. Visitors are welcome to sail in club events but will be required to pay a visitor's fee.

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.

Membership	Annual Fee
Member boat owner	\$560
Member	\$345
Member under 30	\$175
Race / non sailing volunteer	\$30

*These fees apply as at 01/09/2024 The club reserves the right to vary these fees at any time.

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.

- **Member Boat Owner** aged 30 or over sailing their own boat / windsurfer.
- **Member** aged 30 or over sailing as crew on a two-handed boat.
- **Member under 30**

- **Race/non-sailing Volunteer** is a volunteer who donates their services to the Club (race control, safety patrol, admin, maintenance) and does not sail regularly.
- **Temporary Member, SailPass**, for someone who is not a member of a sailing club and wants to sail with the club no more than three days in a season

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 or p: 0412 667 934

Bank Details

BSB: 633 000 **A/C No:** 153560891 **A/C Name:** Balmoral Sailing Club Incorporated

RACKING FEES Type	Annual Fee
Member windsurfer	\$195
Member 3rd / 4th level	\$325
Member 2nd level	\$490
Member ground level	\$815
Member under 30 windsurfer	\$100
Member under 30 3rd / 4th level	\$165
Member under 30 2nd level	\$245
Member under 30 ground lev	\$410
Kakak	\$1,175

* These fees apply as at 01/09/2024. The club reserves the right to vary these fees at any time. Junior members with boats will not be subject to racking fees.

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

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

1. Except for Kayak and SUPs owners, 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) 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) . 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.

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/