

2025-26 Balmain Sailing Club Management Committee Meeting Minutes

Date and time of Meeting: 6-30 pm Wednesday 10 December 2025.

Location : Balmain Sailing Club.

Type of Meeting : Management Committee.

Attendees: Campbell Reid (CR), Chris Price (CP) Joost Bekker (JB) Colin Grove (CG) Louise Blair (LB) David Stenhouse (DS)

Apologies: Geoff Watkins (GW) Sharon Harvey (SH) Ermma Thomas (ET)

Secretary/Minutes: Colin Grove

- The meeting commenced at 6. 30 pm.
- The minutes of the BSC Management Committee Meeting of 8 October 2025 were approved without amendment.

ACTION ITEMS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

- **CR** advised that the handover of several of David Stenhouse's day to day duties are continuing and the committee noted that CR would be sending a note out to all members seeking interest from them in applying for a part time casual position to fill a reduced role in respect of several of the duties previously undertaken by David .
- **CR** presented details of an initial plan for discussion by the committee that has been drawn up by architect and club member Conrad Johnston for the proposed new toilets and bathroom facilities to be built on the deck level utilising the \$30k plus \$3k GST grant from the NSW Govt.

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION :

- The committee agreed to the following dates for the Annual BSC Presentation Night and BSC Annual General Meeting .
 - **Presentation Night : Saturday 2 May 2026**
 - **Annual General Meeting ::Wednesday 22 July 2026**
- **CR** Recommended that the committee should consider having the floor repair and sanding undertaken at the same time as the deck toilet facilities are being constructed, the estimated costs are approximately \$15K, the committee endorsed the recommendation subject to there being adequate funding for both projects.
- **CG advised** that the plans for the honour board were proceeding and that he is currently finalising a draft list of positions and holders of those positions to be included on the board , as well as separate section for life members .

Club members Lyne Evan and Kathy Myers have kindly donated \$500 towards the cost of the board . The committee approved a total expenditure of up \$1500 for the completion of the board which will be unveiled at the BSC Presentation Night on 2May 2025.

- **JB** provided details of a request from the Sydney Pride Regatta Committee, to support the 2026 Sydney Pride Regatta, which will take place on Friday, 13 February 2026, as part of RANSA's regular Friday twilight race.

“The Sydney Pride Regatta is a celebration of diversity, inclusion, and community within sailing, bringing together LGBTQ+ sailors, allies, and clubs from across Sydney Harbour . The Pride Committee is seeking the support of leading sailing schools like Balmain Sailing School to sponsor a yacht/sailing boat with skipper for the event. This will allow us to offer sailors from our crew bank, interstate and overseas who have sailing experience but do not have regular access to a yacht, giving as many people as possible to participate in the regatta.”

Balmain Sailing School /Club will receive recognition as an official supporting sponsor on the Sydney Pride Regatta website and social media.

The committee approved the donation of \$500 and will advise club members that they can donate in kind by offering their boat and skipper for the regatta, and as it coincides with BSC twilight any vessel that is entered in the regatta from BSC will be awarded the race score average points from the Balmain twilight race.

Lyne Evans and Kathy Myers have offered to donate \$500 towards the event .

FINANCES: See attached P&L

INFRASTRUCTURE

- See item above re new toilets and bathroom facilities and proposed floor repairs.
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SAILING SCHOOL: Nil report

SAILING:

- **CP** advised that **SAILSYS** ,a comprehensive integrated online management system platform will be introduced from 1 January 2026 replacing the current Top Yacht system , the initial cost is less than the current fees paid to Top Yacht.
CP advised that a corporate regatta will be run out of the club on 19 March 2025 and 8 yachts owned by club members will be involved ,with the sponsor of the regatta donating to the club.
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REGATTA

Notwithstanding the inclement weather and the lack of wind the regatta was financially successful . General points mentioned were the need for a shorter course ,
CR advised that the race and the working boat convoy were both impacted on having to give way to an oil tanker departing Gore Bay , the tanker was originally scheduled to depart on the following day ,the aquatic licence we obtained gave the regatta fleet clearance use the harbour at that time ,

The committee agreed that we should approach the relevant authorities and request that an approved regatta of this size should have precedent over an unscheduled shipping movement .
Miscellaneous -merchandise purchasers appeared to prefer white T Shirt as the colour of choice.

RISK MANAGEMENT WORK HEALTH AND SAFETY (WHS):

- **CG** advised that the club tenders continue to be left on the pontoons this is in contravention of licence conditions (6.3) with Transport for NSW licence and it is both dangerous and encourages non club member to use the tenders illegally and row to the Hopetoun Quays Marina , the committee required that DS issue a note to all members reminding them of their responsibility to return the tenders to the storage rack.
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GENERAL BUSINESS AND CORRESPONDENCE: Nil

MEETING CLOSED: 8pm

NEXT MEETING : Wednesday 4 February 2026-30 PM in the Clubhouse

The BSC committee usually meets once a month on a Wednesday evening at 6.30pm to discuss and agree actions in respect of general club matters. If members would like to attend or wish to have an item raised at the meeting, please email info@balmainsailingclub.com at least one week prior.

A question or concern may be dealt with before the meeting, if not, it can be added to the agenda if time permits, or to the following month if the current agenda is already full. All members are encouraged to access and read the Committee Meeting Minutes which are posted on the Clubs website