



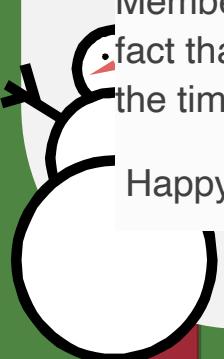
Dear Members,

As we near the end of our 2020 sailing season, I would like to take this opportunity as your Commodore to wish you and your family the best of the season. It has been a most eventful year for all of us, including our sailing club. I want to thank all of you that have participated in our Sunday Sailing. Interest in our club during this time, has never been higher. Our membership count is up, we had a record turnout at our regatta and our Sunday sailing saw as many as 20 boats enjoying friendly racing on new courses throughout our beautiful waters. I have a very fond memory of a Sunday pursuit race this summer, where we all met in the lee of Hutt Island. One by one we arrived only to be calmed by the lack of wind but greeted by a cheer from those already there.

Early in the year, prior to Covid, at our skippers meeting, more and more crew began to show up on Sunday mornings, to race with our boats. There is certainly a growing and pent-up demand for sailing in our area. With that mind, our club will continue its effort to promote fun racing and sailing in 2021. It is my hope that sometime in 2021 we will again safely be able to bring crew from outside of our bubbles onto our boats. When the timing is right, we plan to build a virtual crew circle, provide off and on the water training and hopefully welcome many new members to our club.

As the board begins planning for the upcoming year, we welcome all members to provide suggestions to improve on our racing program. The board has already committed to reducing fees. Full Membership fee will be \$75 per year (reduced from \$150) and the Associate Member fee will be \$25 (reduced from \$50). Also, existing Associate Members will get FREE membership for 2021 in recognition of the fact that the pandemic prevented them from sailing as crew most of the time in 2020.

Happy Holidays and Happy Sailing in 2021,



Rolf Braun