

Port Lincoln Yacht Club Inc

Yacht Clubs

Weddings

For your special day, our staff will do their utmost to meet your expectations. Whatever the weather, our venue's nautical theme never goes out of date, featuring a timeless view over the beach and anchorage below. Access is from our huge balcony via a stairway or from the club foyer, with stairs or a lift adjacent. With our new renovations soon to be completed, you and/or your wedding planner will have lots of options for your complete satisfaction. Don't forget our famous in-house catering is also available; complete with friendly bar service. Our chef is well known for his superb culinary skills and is always available to help plan the perfect meal.

The cosy downstairs bar is also available for hire and caters for up to eighty patrons; opening out to a paved area in front of the beach, within the confines of our license. This bar is perfect for smaller, intimate functions in a 'cocktail' style environment. Our chef can cater for you. However, if you are self catering, only BBQ facilities are available for this room.

Functions

All your requirements for a successful function are available. There is plenty of parking in adjacent Eyre Street with overflow parking freely at hand in Tasman Terrace. Our venue will cater for around two hundred people comfortably, although events like the "long lunch" have had many more at closer quarters. Our clubrooms feature an in-built and unobtrusive public address system along with data projector, a large bar area, sizable dance floor and attractive outdoor balcony. Self catering arrangements are welcome but don't forget our famous in-house catering; complete with our friendly bar service. The cosy downstairs bar caters for up to eighty patrons and opens out to a paved area in front of the beach, within the confines of our license. This bar is perfect for smaller, intimate functions in a 'cocktail' style environment. However, if you are self catering, only BBQ facilities available for this room.

Events

Our venue continues to host successful events; such as our own Adelaide-Lincoln Race presentations and sailing regattas that attract participants from all over Australia. Non sailing events include providing one of Port Lincoln's larger venues for the annual and infamous "long lunch" charity event; when hundreds of patrons have sampled the fine food and drink provided by our renown in-house catering service. Again, there is plenty of parking in adjacent Eyre Street with overflow parking freely at hand in Tasman Terrace. Our first floor clubroom features an in-built and unobtrusive public address system which can be used to address patrons both inside and outside our venue. Data projection is available. Along with a large bar area, sizable dance floor and attractive outdoor balcony Port Lincoln

Yacht Club also has a paved area parallel to the beach. This area adjoins our cosy downstairs bar and is within the confines of our licensed area. Hirers are welcome to outsource their catering requirements but don't forget our famous in-house catering is also available for any event, complete with our friendly bar service.

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE 2017

Adelaide to Port Lincoln Yacht Race - Friday, 17th February 2017

Lincoln Week Regatta - Monday, 20th to Thursday, 23rd February 2017

On behalf of the Port Lincoln Yacht Club I am pleased to announce a new major sponsor for the Adelaide to Port Lincoln Yacht Race and Lincoln Week Regatta.

Can I first say how grateful we are that we have had great companies like "Lexus of Adelaide" and "Club Marine" support our event and wish them every success in their future.

Peter Teakle has long been a supporter of sailing in Port Lincoln and has helped the club establish its Optimist fleet and has donated Sydney 32's for our junior sailing programme. With the return of two Sydney 32's this year we hope to be able to get junior and senior sailors introduced to offshore sailing. I would like to invite you to be part of the ***"Teakle Classic Adelaide to Port Lincoln Yacht Race and Lincoln Week Regatta."***

In 2017 the tradition will continue to hold the states premier offshore race from Adelaide to Port Lincoln. We hope we can encourage you to participate in this great overnight destination race. You may be considering it for the first time or you may be an old hand at it adding to your tally of Adelaide to Lincoln races.

The ***"Teakle Classic Adelaide to Port Lincoln Yacht Race"*** starts in Adelaide on Friday 17th February, arriving in Port Lincoln on Saturday, followed by presentations at the Port Lincoln Yacht Club with celebrations, food and music from lunchtime on Sunday.

The ***"Teakle Classic Lincoln Regatta"*** kicks off on the Monday with windward leewards, various coastal and harbour racing courses providing something for everyone

For those familiar with our event, you will appreciate the effort that goes in to organising the racing schedule as well as the social events that take place at various venues in Port Lincoln. In 2017, we aim to showcase more local produce and offer experiences to participants and support crews and families visiting Eyre Peninsula for this outstanding event. Sample fresh seafood with local wines, try and catch a fish from the beach, or learn the best ways to cook your catch. It's all part of the Eyre Peninsula experiences we want you to enjoy above and beyond your racing week with us for this regatta.

The ***"Teakle Classic Lincoln Regatta"*** hosts one of the best known BBQ lunches on the Wednesday after a morning of racing. Non-sailors, sponsors, friends and invited locals join participants for one of the best beach BBQ's held in the Port Lincoln National Park.

The presentation night at the Port Lincoln Hotel on the Thursday evening is always a celebration to end a successful week. We encourage everyone to stay on Eyre Peninsula longer and enjoy the pristine waters of Coffin Bay only 40km from Port Lincoln and explore the coastlines.

We always aim to increase numbers of boats competing in all classes for our regatta, including AMS, sports/trailerables and cruising division. Encourage sailing friends and family to join you for the ***“Teakle Classic Adelaide to Port Lincoln Yacht Race and Lincoln Week Regatta”*** and experience the magic of Eyre Peninsula waters and hospitality.

Whether it's your first experience, your favourite regatta of the year or you are thinking its time you came back please come and join us for a great week of sailing and socialising in Port Lincoln.

Andy Dyer

Chairman Lincoln Week Committee

Introduction

Sailing has always been part of Port Lincoln's way of life. Regattas have been recorded back in the middle 1800's. Early fishing boats were the main competitors. The First World War and then the Depression closed the Port Lincoln Sailing Club and the Port Lincoln Regatta Club.

Boats including some from Adelaide continued to cruise the area in the 1920's including the late Frank Verco from the RSAYS. in his 52 foot yacht, the "Nautilus".

In 1930 a public meeting was held in the Port Lincoln Civic Hall supper room. The meeting was called to consider forming a Yacht Club again. The Royal South Australian Yacht Squadron was represented at that meeting by Frank Verco. The Port Lincoln Yacht Club as we now it was opened in 1931. From the earliest days of the club a race from Adelaide had been considered. Years before the Port Lincoln Sailing and Regatta Club had run an annual Regatta before they had closed.

There was no Clubhouse in those days, and speedboats and heavyweight sharpies were the strength of the sailing community. The fishing boat racing era had passed. The race began through the efforts of Brian Verco and Alan Payze and others.

Brian Verco (Frank's son) now lived in Port Lincoln and was Commodore of the Club. He owned the yacht "Fifinnela". Allan Payze, a foundation member and secretary of the Club was a great friend of Brian's. They were wondering how to create more activity in the Lincoln area for the ocean going yachts from Adelaide.

They saw the need to create a reason for Adelaide boats to come around the "corner" (as the bottom of Yorke Peninsula was known in those days) and to stay on visiting Port Lincoln. Port Lincoln's population in the 1950's was around 4,000 people.

Allan and Brian came up with the idea of an Outer Harbour to Port Lincoln race, and it was on! In 1950, 19 years after the new Club was born, the first Outer Harbour to Port Lincoln Yacht Race was sailed. The fastest time for the inaugural race was the Squadron's "Seevogel" owned by W. Harris with the time of 19 hours 39 minutes and 36 seconds. The next year it was Lincoln's "Pavana" owned by George Mayne. Frank was critically ill, but lived to see the first race.

Brian Verco presented the original, significant trophy, a silver tray with a chart on it which was allowed with special Government permission. It was originally silver, but as it began to "wear" over the years, Brian's family had it gold plated. They were disappointed that this spoiled the finer details of the chart a little. In recent times, Brian commissioned Dean Palm to fit a jarrah surround made from wood from the old Brennans Jetty, so that it could hold more plaques. Brian presented the trophy in memory of his father who had been a good supporter of the club and one of the people instrumental in the formation of the club and to say thanks for all the good times his father and family had had sailing here.

The second trophy named the "Pier Trophy" was presented by the Rundles who owned the Pier Hotel. There was also a third trophy.

Over the past sixty years the Race has created some outstanding memories. Today it is one of the greatest ocean races in Australia. It leads into the "Lincoln Week Regatta" which is now an established popular event attracting some of Australia's top competitors as well as providing an unforgettable social occasion for all. It also generates income for the community thus helping the local economy.

It truly fits the Port Lincoln Yacht Club's number one objective which is to "Foster a love of the sea.....".

If you are a non-sailing supporter Port Lincoln has plenty to offer shore side with some great tourism and shopping opportunities. Staff at the Port Lincoln Visitors Information Centre will be happy to help arrange your itinerary.