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2024 COMMODORE'S REPORT

As your Commodore for the past two years and a Board member since 2019, I'm proud to share some of the Club's key achievements. These include guiding the Club through COVID-19, improving operational efficiency, governance and risk management, installing a 40kWh solar system, securing grants for major upgrades, acquiring two new moorings, and earning ecoBiz recognition for energy and waste efficiency improvements.

This year, we introduced guaranteed trading hours and a phone receptionist service. While these changes added costs, they were implemented in response to member feedback and have been warmly received. We have also recently negotiated a new energy contract to save the club money.

In September, adverse weather damaged our main pontoon. Thanks to \$21,000 in insurance money, \$15,000 in member donations, \$2,000 from the LSC Champagne Cruisers and a \$5,000 grant from the Redlands Foundation, we have started progressing with the necessary repairs. Thank you to Ken Allsop for managing this project, from organising the correct specifications to negotiating the best prices on the various components.

Special Acknowledgements

I extend my gratitude to the Board for its support over the past two years, with particular thanks to:

- **Peter Shepherd** (retiring secretary): For his outstanding contributions to governance, risk management, and future planning for the Club.
- **Arthur and Pam Mobsby** (HLMs): For their invaluable guidance, generosity, and unwavering love for the Club.
- **Lee-Shannon Delaney** (director): For her tireless dedication to managing memberships and overseeing contractors, early mornings and on days the club is not open.
- **Tracey Rore** (Club Manager): It has been an honour to mentor Tracey as she progressed from Senior Bar Supervisor to Club Manager. We greatly appreciate her exceptional management and genuine care for the Club and our members.

Thank you to Mark McCamley for managing building and maintenance and Bruce Phillips for donating his expertise and time to undertake building and maintenance repairs.

Looking Ahead

This Saturday, we hold our Annual General Meeting, and I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your support over the past five years.

Bill Justo will be our new secretary, and we look forward to welcoming Greg Daley to the board as a director in due course.

As a not-for-profit organisation, the Club's future depends on members generously volunteering their time and, where possible, making financial contributions. Your involvement is critical to our success.

The portfolios I manage—operational and financial management, grants, member communications, and marketing—represent a significant workload. I ask some of our members to step forward and assist me, particularly with the treasurer and marketing roles, to ensure the continued growth and success of our Club.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to the Little Ship Club. Kind regards

Maria Anderson, LSC Commodore