

THE ST. VINCENT SAILING CLUB

(The Shoalhaven Telegraph 10th December 1898)

The St. Vincent Sailing Club has been formed, and fees set at 1/- per quarter.

G.F. Smith - President

W. Lackersteen - Secretary

W. Watt - Treasurer

With J. Ellmoos, J. Rosen, F. Dent and A. Bryce also serving on the committee. A meeting being planned for Boxing Day on St. George's Basin, when a £3 prize would be given by the Club.

(The Shoalhaven Telegraph 3 February 1904)

A large number of people visited the popular picnic resort, Jervis Bay, on Anniversary Day. The weather was exceptionally fine, and a very pleasant day was spent by all.

The St. Vincent Sailing Club held a successful sports carnival, the greatest attraction being the sailing race. The banks at the mouth of Currrambene Creek were lined with people to witness this interesting event. About 2 pm the boats- *Leonie* (Scratch), *Lizzie* (20 secs), *Alexandra* (2 min. 10 secs), *Delmar* (3 min. 30 secs), *Phyllis* (5 min. 20 sec), and the *Wanderer* (7 min) left the wharf, proceeding to the starting point. A strong nor-easter was blowing, making the sailing difficult but after a little delay the *Leonie*, *Lizzie*, *Delmar* and *Phyllis* got away together. The *Alexandra* losing a little time while the *Wanderer's* rudder broke, putting her out of the race. Mr Dent's launch followed the boats out round the second buoy, the *Leonie* then having a lead of 2 minutes, the other four boats being well together. Between the second and third buoys the *Leonie* slightly increased her lead from the *Delmar*, *Lizzie* and *Alexandra*, the *Phyllis* dropping behind. The second time round the *Leonie* made nearly a direct line between the first and second buoys, while the other boats tacked nearly over to the beach. The *Leonie* held the lead to the finish of the race, arriving 7 min 13 sec before the *Delmar*. With the handicaps the results were:-

	Hrs	Min	Sec	Place
Leonie	4	15	01	1
Delma	4	22	22	2
Phyllis	4	28	5	3
Alexandra	4	25	57	4
Lizzie	4	27	50	5

Among other events that took place were a duck chase, in which Mr J. May acted as the duck, and after eluding his pursuers for 10 minutes was caught by Mr J. Rossen; and a rowing race, for which there was four entries; Mr Cruickhanks proved the victor.

In the evening, at the residence of Mr F. Dent, Mr T. Ellmoos was presented with a watch as a trophy recently won by him in annexing three races in St. Georges Basin in his boat the *Alexandra*. Mr Lackersteen made the presentation, with a few appropriate terms. Mr Ellmoos returned thanks, and said that he would wear the watch as a trophy of true sport, for which the St. Vincent Sailing Club was famed. He wished the Club every success in the future, and promised to assist it all he possibly could.

District Notes

A pleasant gathering assembled the residence of Mr and Ms F. Dent, at Jervis Bay, on the evening of Anniversary Day, in connection with the presentation of a trophy by the St. Vincent Sailing Club to Mr T. Ellmoos, for his successful handling of the sailing

boat Alexandra in a recent competition carried out under the auspices of the Club. The presentation of the trophy (a watch,, suitably inscribed) was made by Mr W.G. Lackersteen and appropriately responded to by the recipient. The rest of the evening was spent in a social manner by those present, and the company separated after having accorded a warm vote of thanks to Mrs F. Dent, Miss A. Dent and the Misses Wood for their great kindness and hospitality.