

2024 AUSC AGM - Boating Officer report

2023 was an excellent year of boating with 25 metro dive trips, 1 Hobart dive trip and 4 on the Yorke Peninsula. The purchase of the clubs Tow Vehicle, a 2017 Ford Ranger has assisted greatly in getting the boat out as often as the weather permits with 20 boat dive trips already done this year in only 2 months!

Row Labels	2023				2024	Grand Total
	Qtr1	Qtr2	Qtr3	Qtr4	Qtr1	
Metro	8	5	2	10	18	43
Yorke Peninsula		2		2		4
Fleurieu				1	2	3
Grand Total	8	7	2	13	20	50



Vitamin Sea (VS) continues to perform well, however with increased usage and as she gets a little older (9 years old) we are starting to see some things requiring more maintenance than usual and minor failures that have not been experienced before. Some of the notable items from this year:

Sounder/Chart Plotter – Replacement due to partial failure with new Garmin unit.

Trailer Lights – Replacement in 2023, warranty issues with Hodge x2.

Tyre x1 – Replacement due to puncture on end of year YP trip.

Throttle Only Button – Stuck, removed and spare obtained.

VS was serviced by Hodge Marine mid 2023 and will require its annual service again once we get into the winter quiet time. The club will be shifting to Adelaide Shores Marine this year due to some warranty issues with Hodge and the convenience and service provided by Adelaide Shores over the summer season.

We have had one additional boat handler signed off this year which is the first in a few years, and several who are just awaiting their final supervised boat handling session to be signed off.

2024 Outlook:

Boat Handlers:

Seamanship Courses – 3 courses scheduled, several members enrolled

VHF Course – Investigating running training at AUSC.

5 Boat Handlers in training at various stages.

Vitamin Sea:

Annual Service in winter

Pontoon Covers Investigation

Tow Vehicle:

Scheduled Service

Rear Tyres approaching wear markers and will be replaced.

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