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Dear DBSC Members and Friends,

DBSC Equipment Upgrade Project – Request for Donations to replace Response Boats

I am writing to you about steps being taken to replace and upgrade Double Bay Sailing Club response boats and to seek your donations to help DBSC to raise the necessary funds to make this happen.

DBSC is planning to purchase a new rigid inflatable boat (RIB) in the new year to better support racing and learn to sail programs. We currently use the small zodiac *The Bobby Read*. The new RIB will be a larger craft with higher levels of safety equipment and providing greater utility in a wider range of conditions. Given the costs involved and the club's modest capital reserves we have taken steps to register a fundraising project with the Australian Sports Foundation (ASF).

The ASF registered project allows DBSC to pursue a tax deductible fundraising campaign to support our response boat upgrade. On that basis we are seeking your donations towards the costs of upgrading the DBSC response boats. The ASF registration of the DBSC project allows your donations to be tax deductible (see www.asf.org.au).

As a background, the ASF was established by the Australian Government to assist non-profit sporting organisations to raise funds to develop Australian sport through public and corporate donations. The ASF's listing in Division 30, section 30-90 of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997* ensures donations of \$2 or more to the ASF are tax deductible.

Donors must contribute unconditionally to the ASF to claim a tax deduction; however, the ASF's structure makes it possible for a donor to indicate a registered project as the preferred beneficiary of their gift. Double Bay Sailing Club Equipment Upgrade Project (Project 209040), is registered with and conducted under the charter of the ASF (ABN 27 008 613 858). All claims are subject to acceptance by the Commissioner of Taxation. Donors who are uncertain of their position should seek their own professional advice.

I am enclosing a Donation Form and further background on the ASF. Please feel free to contact me via commodore@dbsc.com.au if you would like further information.

I strongly encourage you to consider making a donation to the DBSC project via the ASF to help us to continue to support sailing in the safest possible conditions.

Yours sincerely

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