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MMYC Newsletter – Christmas Edition 2023

Mordialloc Motor Yacht Club Inc. A0034091Y



COMMODORES XMAS MESSAGE 2023

As I write its hard to believe another calendar year is about to tick over .

The run home to the end of the year is always an exciting time as families and friends prepare to catch up for Christmas and celebrate New Years Eve . Not sure if I am getting older or grumpier (or a combo of both) but just the thought of this still to come makes me tired just thinking about it ☺

Having young children however means these are special occasions and cant be ignored .In our house like many sitting around on Christmas Eve watching carols is an annual event and the official start of the wind down and few days off . Only thing is for me my wife and daughter not only think they can sing better than each other but also than those on stage , so Carols becomes a sing off like no other .The neighbours of course just close their doors and draw their blinds as they are keen to actually hear the Carols as they are supposed to be heard .

Island life has been busy as usual and on behalf of the Flag Officers I thank all members for their continued support , advice and input along the way .

We are getting closer now to **dredging the creek** which will finally free up many boats to be able to come and go as they please .

Opening day was a great success , albeit the weather was once again not kind . Feedback from our invited guests and many members was very positive and reinforces why we should all be very proud of our Club and how it presents to the public.

We finish the year off with a visit from Santa on **Tuesday December 5th from 6pm** and then unofficially see in the **New year** from one of the best vantage points on Port Phillip Bay . The Committee now have a couple of months off but of course will continue to communicate and act on anything required until we get back together in Feb 24 .

On behalf of the Flag Officers and Committee we wish all members and their family and friends a Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year and look forward to hitting the ground running early next year .

JAMIE DORRITY

Ccommodore Mordialloc Motor Yacht Club. 2023 / 2024



Cheers!

""""THREE CHEERS TO THE COMMODORE """"

We should all take off our hat to the Commodore. Commodore is a difficult position within the club hence the normal tenure of 2 years. Jamie Dorrity is now into his 4th year and it should be noted as such. What a great effort from him and others before him. The job is voluntary, unpaid and full on. Make sure you give the Commodore, Flag Officers and Committee a smile and positive message next time you meet.



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MORDIALLOC MOTOR YSHT CLUB
""CHRISTMAS PARTY ""
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5. 6.00 PM

Christmas Party

Tuesday December 5th—6.00PM onwards.

Hi all. Christmas is just around the corner with our party scheduled for

- Tuesday December 5th from 6.00PM.
- 6.15 Commodores welcome
- 6.30 Father Christmas
- 7.00PM Dinner served.

\$10.00 per head, (under 16s free), includes food, drinks, face painting.

Santa will be there too.

Beach Car Park at MSC will be open. (Please no parking in Hotel)

BYO or purchase alcoholic drinks from the Sutton Bar.

Raffle prizes valued to \$50.00. Tickets at the venue.

So put this date aside and we'll see you there.



Bookings (for catering purposes) close at 6pm 2 December.

Tickets are \$10.00 with children under 16 free



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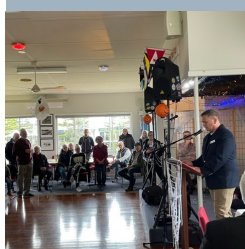
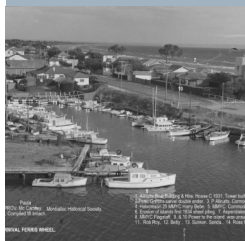


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OPENING DAY OCTOBER 2023



The new format for Opening Day proved to be a success, with many positive comments. Because of the unpleasant weather, it was held in the hall, which meant that people mingled and were also able to listen to the fabulous music provided by guitarist and singer Rob Kirk. Thanks to Steve for arranging the music. This was the first time at the club for Rob and the 'one man musician concept' worked very well within the confines of our small hall. Thanks also to all the members who brought along a plate. There was a huge range of tasty food which was enjoyed by all guests.

Steve performed his MC duties with his usual aplomb and kept the official part of the proceedings running smoothly. Reverend Duncan Macleod performed his first blessing of the fleet for us. While we were saddened by the death of Reverend Graeme his annual attendance, warm welcome and we look with him.

Opening Day is an important boat season, but it is also an and friends to gather and



official day with the opening of the opportunity for members, family, enjoy the day. We had our official guests, including



Commodores and their partners from various clubs around the bay, as well as local MP Tim Richardson. He is a regular attendee each year. We are grateful for Tim's ongoing support. Our Commodore Jamie gave his annual address, which was as usual well received.



The raffle was drawn, with Wayne Paravicini from Beaumaris Motor Yacht Squadron taking out the fabulous first prize of the helicopter flight.

Margaret Allnutt won second prize, with Jill Goland from Queenscliff Lonsdale Yacht Club winning third prize.

The children also enjoyed themselves, taking advantage of the free face painting. There were some beautiful creative designs and the children looked great. Some of the adults lined up to get the MMYC flag on their faces, which looked fabulous.

Prizes were also awarded for best costumes. Harriet and Georgina won the under 16 prizes of a \$50 Westfield voucher, while Sue and Helen won the \$80 Bridge vouchers and bottle of wine for best adult costumes. Carol won the \$200 Bridge voucher and bottle of wine for best dressed boat, before all the decorations blew away.

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OPENING DAY OCTOBER 2023 (continued)

As usual a small team of volunteers helped with setting up and on the day. Bar manager Stuart did his usual great job keeping the bar running smoothly so that guests were well looked after. Many thanks also to Helen and Michael, Jamie, Tim, Matt and Sam, and Steve for doing all the behind the scenes work which ensured that the day ran smoothly. Please forgive me if I have omitted anyone. elen and

At the end of the day, quite a few adjourned to the Sutton Lounge where they continued to enjoy the atmosphere, as well as eat some to the food which was left over. Christine Ffrench.



MMYC OPEN MIC. NIGHT 2023





""Open Mic. Night 2023""

A Night At The Sutton Lounge.



OPEN MIKE 27.10.2023. People flocked to the annual Open Mike night to see the range of talent that MMYC has and were not disappointed.

Steve multi-tasked as MC, stage manager, special effects, sound and general technician. He kept the night running smoothly, although at times it must have felt like herding cats for him. (apologies to Zeus) The night kicked off with The Happy Accidentals, comprising Steve, Noel, Claire, Helen, Michael, Stuart, and special guest Peter on harmonica.

Our second act was Dueling Guitars Peter and Stuart. As Steve commented, **"unbelievable is not to strong a word"**!

We then had a change of pace with Sue presenting Welsh poet Dylan Thomas' poem 'Do not go gentle into that good night'. Her presentation was sensitive and moving and gave us all a moment for reflection.

The pace then picked up again with David and Stuart, just in from New Orleans, giving a lively performance.

This was followed by Lyndon & Co performing Dream by the Cranberries.

A surprise guest was Alan Torkarr, looking remarkably like Peter, who was introduced by Steve as a shy member who had come out from under the bridge specially to perform for us. His story of his Uncle John kept us hanging on every word.

We were then treated to the Off Sutton Sessions musos Steve, Noel, Michael, and Stuart on guitars with Helen on ukulele. Mark channeled Elvis with Can't Help Falling in Love.

Ian got us all laughing with his stand-up comedy routine, complete with smoke machine. He was given some help with audience participation, with Sue telling probably the worst dad joke ever! I'm not sure what it says about our members that it was met with hilarity. It's all in the delivery. Lyndon & Co then entertained us again and were followed by Matt from Manchester who sang Wonderwall, then Justin as Johnny Cash, backed by Lyndon & Co, singing Ring of Fire.

Our final act was Linda, leading the audience singing Sweet Caroline. The night ended with a dance party, hosted by our own DJ SteBe. Thanks to Peter in particular for his organization of the night. It is always such a fun night. Of course, mine host Stuart as usual looked after all of us so well, for which we thank him.

Christine Ffrench (and thanks to you too Chris for this great summary. Ed)





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AROUND THE ISLAND

Sailing Yachts—Merry Christmas from the Sailing division. Firstly, a very big thanks to Peter Moseby for guiding and directing the yachting fleet over many years. Pete is planning a move to NSW that will limit his availability here. Therefore congratulations to Derek Haagsma, David Holter, Mario Barbieri and Peter Banham. These folks will make up the Sailing Directors group for 2023/24.

2023 has been a fantastic year for our fleet. Sailing courses have varied from multiple short leg, fast action sailing to the long 28 NM passage races requiring constant concentration, slick spinnaker work and navigated 12 yachts per race and with our there is potential to boost this number to Training had a few hold ups so 2024 will be our year for fully optimizing boats and enjoying shops concentrating on our club racing and mizing our 2 x train-some sailing work-general skills in operating a yacht from Mordialloc Creek.



requiring constant concentration. We have an optimistic outlook we know an average of 17 for 2024.



A big shout out to Parks Victoria who have honored their promise of many years ago to regularly measure and dredge the creek mouth. Without this dredging boating in general and yachting in particular, would be a thing of the past. Let's hope that our new guardians of the creek can manage a similar outcome for the creek berths.

Motor Yachts . (Power Boats and log trialing) - Merry Christmas from the power boats.

We've been running a little behind on the Navigation program With the sun starting to shine and calm mornings on the water we foresee some extra activity coming on.

Fishing News and competitions.

pretty quiet and guarding their fishing spots fishing competition. No one wants to win their little 'tiddler' flat head laughed at. less it's a great time to Go Fishing in Port don't understand it, the Ti Tree were white



area of approximately 2000 km² with a coastline covering around 264 km. It is surrounded with beaches and boat ramps with easy access to the water making it a boating wonderland for fishing, cruising, sailing, tow sports, kayaking, and sightseeing. For we of the MMYC — we can enjoy all of this minus the adrenalin pumping experience of the dreaded boat ramp, complete with upset queue jumper sporting fileting knife clenched between his teeth and sharpened boat hook ready to impale someone's self inflating life jacket.

No report—The fisher people are keeping and news on catches. There is no hint of a and no one wants to be the loser and have (I've suffered such indignity Ed.) Never the Phillip Bay; now. In case you missed it, or about 6 weeks ago. Port Phillip Bay has an



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SLIPWAY, MOORING AND NEW MEMBER NEWS

New Members (Roy McDougal) — Welcome aboard to **Graeme Vorath** and **Tim Adams**. Both these folks are looking for a mooring and have joined as Full Members..

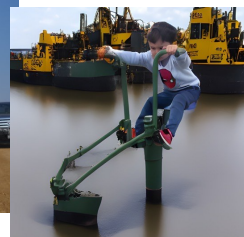
Slipway— (Murray Parsons) The MMYC slipway is available to MMYC members through this managed booking system. Non-members may also utilise the slip depending upon demand/availability. No vessel is permitted to use the club's slipping facilities without prior provision of a Certificate of Currency of insurance for at least \$10 million third party property. The cradle and winch may only be operated by authorized slipway operators and trusted professional contractors.

Moorings— (Ian March) Merry Xmas and happy holidays. Give yourself a gift and get out on the water.

Segway to dredging and moorings. — Whilst we patiently wait for any kind of action regarding our critically shallow and silted creek others may take matters into their own hands !! Whilst the saying goes you cannot expect a boy to do a man's job the tide may be turning. Recently an enterprising cadet member has visited our site to evaluate. This boy has already got the training in hand with GD Steve (Grand Dad) learning the basic functions of bucket dredging. As many of us have long suspected, dredging of the creek should not be a matter of rocket science. Some modern machinery, good operators, a reasonable budget passionate honest and committed people and the creek can be dredged. All around the world silted waterways are attended to **as if it's child's play.** *Why can't we ?? (Ed.)*



Why can't we???



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Don't miss the 2023/24 summer series of fun and stories ... you can find us on the MMYC website www.mmyc.com.au



armchair sailor



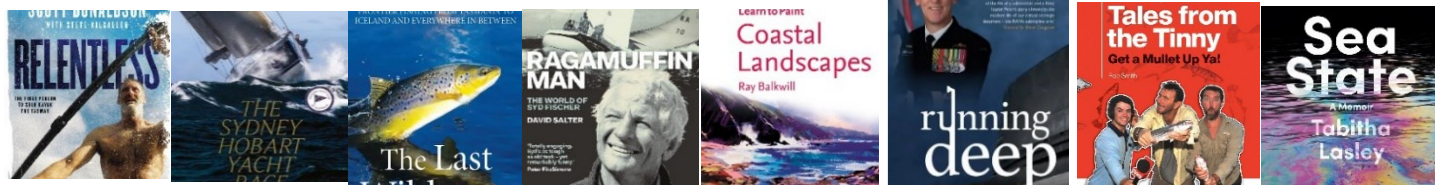
“... there are good ships, and wooden ships, ships that sail the sea, but the best ships are friendships - may they always be! “

(... hint come New year I'll probably have a Guinness ☺)

— and there will be something new every month

... and as we head into the festive season, who was it that said ... ?

...and most importantly this summer... cast off your bowlines, sail from the harbour, fish the Bay ... and after all that, if you're looking for some quiet time in the cabin or cockpit you can always try ... the great selection of online books from the armchair sailor's skipper's shelf ...



Steve Quirk, Armchair Sailor

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“... there is nothing — absolutely nothing — half so much worth doing as simply messing about in boats ...”



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WOMEN ON WATER (WOW) PAGE 1

Ladies – what a great day we had to get together on the 12th November 2023

The weather and sailing conditions were just perfect for all the participating members and visitors as we came together for briefing before heading out on our designated Yachts.

A big thank you to all the members for supporting this event, the General Committee, Sailing Committee, skippers and crews for making our guests feel very welcomed aboard, for some it was their first experience sailing and for some who are not part of our usual racing crews for joining us in this event, the feedback and video on the day was fantastic.



With a fleet of 9 departing for the starting line on a near perfect day for the event, with some shifting breezes and calm seas, dolphins and spinnakers for some, as we competed around the course.

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The weather didn't let us down, we returned from racing to a sun drenched island, great food arranged by Helen and Michael Ruhsam, good company sharing the experiences of the day on the water over some light refreshments.



After light refreshments, results were read out and the annual presentation of the past seasons racing results and trophies were presented.

Over the past season or two we have experienced a steady increase in female participation on the water, things can only going to get better. Carol (Thanks to Carol and her team on arranging this event and supplying this great overview)Ed.



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SPECIAL FEATURE— *GONE CRUISIN '3'*— DOT goes to Qld. Page 1

Last month we enjoyed some of the Cruisin' stories from Farr 750s Florence and Moondancer. This month we enjoy the significant cruising efforts of the Heins family 4. in their Timpenny 770. DOT is a 7.7 metre sailing yacht, drop rudder, naker and 8 hp outboard engine to consists of skipper Kelly, crew Ingrid and es, anxiety all handled by Greg.



swing keel, mainsail, 3 jibs and spin-keep her under way. The crew consists of skipper Kelly, crew Ingrid and Anna. Engineering, transport, finance, Here's their story.

The Itchy Bit—2020

SPECIAL FEATURE . Its a month or two since DOT departed the MMYC
Planning began in 2020.

What was the best boat for a family holiday? We wanted something trailerable but still big enough that each of us could have our own space without needing to pack up bedding during the day. We considered a Ross 780, Noelex 25, Magnum 850, Clubman 8, Farr 7500, RL28, and even a Spider 28 before settling on a Timpenny 770. It was not quite what we were after but we had a vision for how it may meet our needs with a few minor adjustments.

In May 2021, between some lockdowns, we purchased a very nice trailer that came with a Timpenny 770 with lots of "potential". A couple of years later, including a winter spent fiberglassing in the rain at Warneet Motor Yacht Club while the south wall piles were replaced, we had a boat that was ready to take us on our planned family adventures.

The minor adjustments included: rebuilding the interior including new rear bunks and interior wall, new mast, boom, spinnaker pole, pushpit, rigging, anchor and anchor roller, cushions and upholstery, keel pin, keel winch, pop top mechanism, swing rudder converted to drop, new rudder box, repainted decks, full rewiring including new solar panels, sail covers, water bladder, depth sounder, stove, fridge, table, outboard, decks repainted, interior foam insulation. canvas "wardrobes", new tender and cover. (Wow that's some minor adjustment. Ed).

All the family were able to join in the fun of this project .

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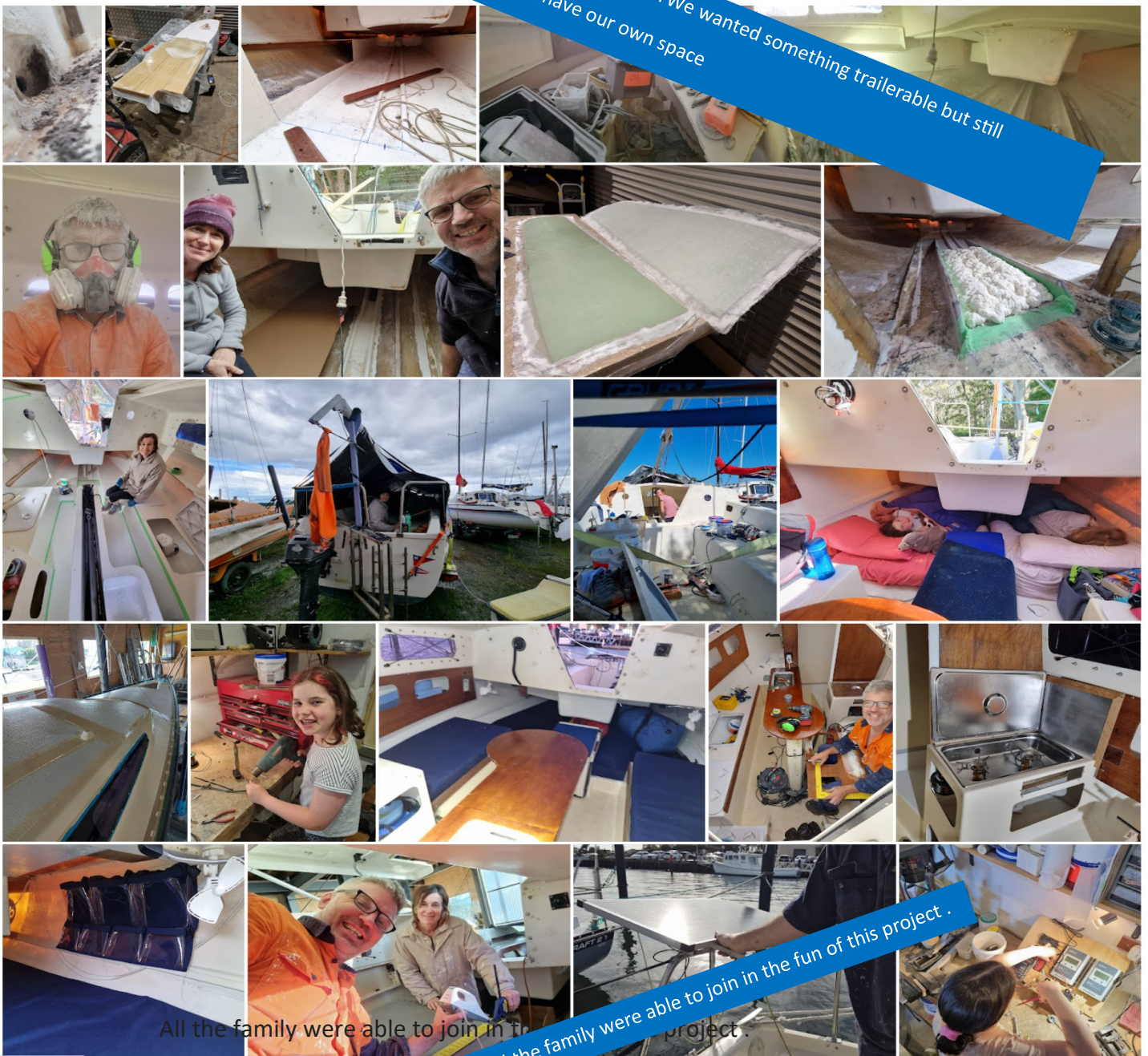
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GONE CRUISIN '3'— DOT goes to Qld. And NSW Page 3 (continues)

Trip begins—September 2023.

The Salty Bit

Juggling time off and stinger seasons, saw us split our trip north into two sections.

One in North Queensland in September/ October 2023 and another in South Queensland and NSW January 2024.

After a long road trip north, we spent most of our time in the Whitsundays balancing between some time out sailing, snorkeling and bushwalking on the reef before returning to either Airlie beach or Hamilton Island for a shower, washing, internet and restocking,

Highlights were: Butterfly bay, Hill inlet, Whitsunday Peak and watching grand finals at Hamilton island, The last part of the trip saw us take on more of adventure and sail north from the Whitsundays to Townsville. This 150nm trip with winds consistently over 20 knots and gusting to 30 knots made for some fast white knuckled surfing and some opportunities to get a bit away from the other more pop-



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It was handy to have a retractable keel to escape into the crocodile and mosquito infested mangroves to get away from the swell even when we remembered that one of the only remaining original parts of the boat was the dodgy anchor rope. Awesome seafood at Bowen Fisherman's coop.

The end. Thanks to the Heins family for sharing their fantastic adventure with us. An inspiration indeed.

Merry Xmas from the Editor (Peter Banham) and helpful others.



Hi everyone, Merry Christmas and holiday season to you all. From the Anchor crew.

OK, well that's another year nearly gone but the next month will no doubt be hectic, as usual. If you cast your mind back you may remember that Summer really didn't happen in 2022 /23 until a couple of days in March and it's looking a bit that way for this summer too. Our cousins on the beach, Mordialloc Sailing Club, are hosting the **Lightweight Sharpie National Titles** over the Christmas break. So they will be crossing their fingers for a good steady 15 knots every day. Sunshine would be a great bonus.



I have sailed on the Lightweight Sharpies from time to time and, from a Trailer Sailor comparison, it is an exhilarating and, somewhat terrifying experience. The Sharpie is a sleek 5 metre boat that was developed 30 years ago to supersede the Heavy weight sharpie. (one of these hangs from the roof in the MSC clubhouse).



The Lightweight Sharpie class has never faltered with the class retaining popularity and being supported by mostly fit young folks who are impervious to cold, water proof and heal fast. The secret of the Light weight Sharpie's family sailors is that it "ticks all the boxes " for ble, easy to rig, available in fiberglass or older are affordable for most, and those that can't tion. Each boat needs 3 crew so a National the population of the chosen Yacht Club. Each speed machines find their way Australia wide to "The Nationals". These Sharpie Sailors also practice long time and dubious rituals; usually passed down by earlier generations of Sharpie sailors.



So the Nationals are at MSC this year. We recommend you wander over to MSC at rigging time and soak in the atmosphere. Watch the instant acceleration of these boats as they leap effortlessly through the Mordialloc chop and continue on to rule the seas. If only for a few hours. If you are sticking around over Xmas, make the trip out on your own boat to get a feel around the sailing course. Get as close as you can, hear the directions being yelled watch the blur go by. But don't get in the way as these sailors are here to win and then speed back to shore to practice 'the rituals'.



I love these boats. There is still a slight feeling of larrikinism of the past with these sailors. A feeling of sailing by the seat of your pants. Fast, skillful sailors using every line to control their boats, passing each other separated by only a cigarette paper's width (probably not allowed to use that example) between them at 15 knots boat speed. This is sailing !!!! Very often there is also the added dimension of generational rivalry. Get out there if you can. The Regatta runs Dec 20 to Jan 6. So the Anchor team wish you all a safe and happy Christmas. Thanks to those that offer their help and we hope you have enjoyed this years Anchors and Quick News.. **We'll do it all again in 2024.** Peter Banham. Editor.





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PAST ERAS—LIFE GOES ON



Hello Rangi

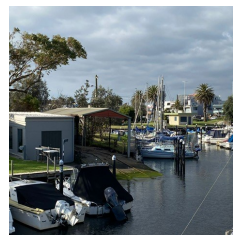
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Bye Bye Bluey

For many years we've been used to the hire boats coming and going from Bluey's shed. By and By the visits became less and less as high prices variable, weather and social conditions etc. rendered the hire boat business inequitable.

In this last few weeks the shed has been removed by Council and with the concrete ramp to follow soon.

And so ends the era of hire boats in the Mordialloc Creek.





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ERAS—LIFE GOES ON



Hello Kathryn - MMYC Office.

Welcome to Kathryn O'Leary—MMYC Office and Club Administration Assistant. Kathryn joins us on a part time basis and will be involved in the various processes involving documentation for membership, moorings, insurance, communications, etc. Kathryn will be available on the Island Thursday 9.00 - 12.00 midday. info@mmyc.com.au

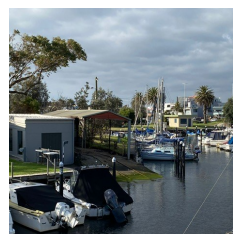


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