

MMYC Newsletter – Issue February 2019

Club Regatta Weekend Success



1st in CBH for Sundays Race Peter Mosbey in Tanina

MMYC hosted two successful events for Powerboats and Sail over the weekend of 16th & 17th February

Sailors competed against Carrum Sailing Club in historic

Long Beach Challenge.

Our Motor boat members enjoyed the challenge of the

Ross White Nav Rally in perfect conditions.

WHATS ON?

Sailing events

See Facebook

General Meeting Tuesday 5th March

Raffle Tickets Due Back Sunday 24th March

Nav Rally Isle of Mordy Cup Sunday 24th Mar

BIG Salsa Night & Phuket Raffle Draw Saturday 30th Mar

Nav Rally Whalley Cup Saturday 6th April

Sutton Lounge Friday 26th April

'WHAT A WEEKEND !'- MMYC REGATTAS

The weather during the month of February rarely let's us down and the February weekend of 16 & 17 was no exception. Other than Opening Day in October, the February Longbeach Yacht Races are the catalyst for a number of events that culminates in what could be called our Regatta Weekend.

The forecast was for near perfect weather with temperatures in the high twenties and winds being moderate on the Saturday, blowing from the south east. Perfect to propel the yachts on their 22 nautical Mile annual passage race. This race is a challenge race between the MMYC and Carrum Motor boat and Sailing Club and has been running for 23 years, a remarkable statistic. The Yacht Race is just the start, with dinner served at race end, and the more youthful and enthusiastic being led astray by older members on boats carrying ample enough Rum to alight the memories of selective versions of past challenges on the high seas. Our oldest narrator was 93 years old, last to bed, at 1.30aml. Yachties??

This prompts memory of a comment made by a grand sailor indeed. "Any damn fool can navigate the world sober. It takes a really good sailor to do it drunk." Sir Francis Chichester (Just a thought?)

BIG BREAKFAST fired up at 6.30am Sunday to make sure the many boating crews were well fed before departing to their competitions. All members are welcome to this breakfast and many turned up for the treat.

Sunday's forecast was equally exciting with light breezes forecast for the Ross White Navigation Rally, named in honor of the late Ross White, secretary for 30 years, the Nav. Rally had been postponed from an earlier date. That just left the Sunday Yacht Race without much wind and the skippers trying to find the lightest zephyr to encourage their yacht to the race lead.

No sooner did the breakfast finish when preparation for the Nav. Rally lunch, a gourmet affair it seems, got under way. There was no time for the hotplates to cool as no sooner did the Power Boaties finish their cooking the Yachties arrived with sausages and salads galore to feed the crews. Presentations were held with the strains of the City of Kingston Jazz Festival in the background and adding to the atmosphere were a number of member functions in the hall and on the upper deck. (Happy 50th Jerome)

The lights of the MMYC glowed all weekend and the flags on the flagstaff spelt out the activities of the on water sailing and motor yachts. People came and went over this most active weekend where our fabulous club and Island was used to it's fullest from Friday night to Sunday sunset.

We hope you were part of it.

Peter Banham





The Carrum Sailing & Motor Boat Club was represented by:
Ray Cole skippering Bushranger VI and Ian Blencowe on Eskimo

MMYC retains the Long Beach Trophy







Ross White Nav Rally



Port Phillip Bay was as perfectly flat as 7 boats competed in the Rally.

A winning score of 38 points was achieved by John Wilson with Barry and Judy Matulick on In Deep. Graeme and Karen Hebard aboard Samantha came in a close second on 71 points.

C'est la Vie skippered by Dennis and Fay O'Hara round out the podium in 3rd with a respectable 99 points.

Thank you to Barry, Dennis and John for organising the event and the

sumptuous lunch





Commodores Message

Hi Everyone,

What a great start to the year with a warm February and plenty of action around the club!

I am very happy to announce that Jamie Dorrity has agreed to become the club's Vice Commodore and Rangi Saluni has agreed to take on the responsibility as the acting Rear Commodore. Jamie and Rangi are very experienced leaders both in their personal and business lives and the committee was unanimous in their support for their respective appointments.

It's not long till the Salsa night and the raffle draw! I would like to encourage you all to buy more tickets or grab some more books to sell to friends and family. All proceeds help to fund our new sounds system in our function room. The function room will also be the venue for the fantastic Salsa evening and it's a great opportunity to have fun with friends or even meet new ones. Get in quick to book your tickets!

On a sad note a MMYC member Bob Golding passed away following a six month battle with cancer. Bob will be sadly missed by us all and in particular the morning crew where he had numerous friends. We are thankful for his interest in boating that brought him to our club. *"Fair winds and following seas!"*

On a brighter note the month of February has been a busy one and started with an interclub sailing event with members from the Mordialloc Sailing Club participating in our Sunday yacht racing with the MSC laying a smaller course for quick racing. It was a great opportunity to create some closer bonds with our kindred club and both clubs are keen to more events together. Many thanks to all those involved in making it such a great day and special thanks to MSC Commodore Bart Scheen for getting both clubs together in the first place.

The following weekend in February Di and I were very fortunate to travel to Hobart where we caught up with quite a few MMYC members at the Wooden Boat Festival. There will be no doubt pictures in this edition of this wonderful event that has attracted boats and people from all around the world. The festival is held every two years so worth pencilling it in the diary if you can.

It was then fantastic to see so many people down at the club on the MMYC Regatta Weekend either competing in the Nav Rally, the Long Beach sailing races or sampling Peter Banham's world famous island breakfast! Not to be outdone there was a good gang of people to the Sutton lounge night to close out the month.

Over the last few weekends I continue to be amazed at the amount of volunteers our club has that keep the wheels turning. If you are not sure what you would like to be involved in then speak to myself or one of the committee as we would love to have you involved.

I hope you have the opportunity to get out on the Bay soon.

Cheers,

Byron

Byron Douglas

Commodore





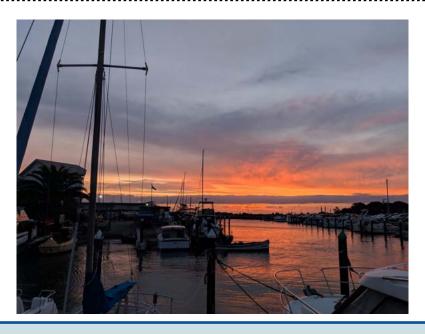
I've heard a rumour that Summer could be coming to an end ... NO!!! Still we have been lucky to get out and enjoy the bay with good friends aboard Lola. I hope to be able to get our Cruising Division up and Cruising very soon, stay tuned!

Mike and I and a couple of friends participated in the Ross White Cup Nav Rally at a cracking 6 knots instead of the usual five knots... giddy up look at us go! With the aid of new techno gizmos we still managed to get a high score, not to worry there are still plenty more Nav Rallys both at MMYC and at Beaumaris to improve our skills. I'd like to encourage you to have a crack at a Nav Rally, it a challenge but there is a nice lunch at the end. Don't be shy ask for help and get involved.

Thank you again for all the positive feedback about the Anchor, I'm so pleased to be receiving photos and articles from different club members. The Anchor is for you so keep it coming!

Smooth Sailing..

Helen Ruhsam - Editor



Vale

Bob "THE BUTCHER" Golding

Bob, a long term member of MMYC since 2006, passed away 17.02.19.

He was a keen fisherman and laughed a lot, enjoyed mornings at the club after fishing.

A few years ago he won the fishing comp for the biggest snapper. The prize was a Whiting rod. He took his new rod out fishing a few days later and landed a 6 kg snapper on the light rod.

He said it was the best fish he ever played.

He will be missed by all at MMYC.

Tribute by Wayne Imlach

Club Social Life ...

The social life of the Club is healthy, thanks to the participation of members. We had our February Sutton Lounge evening which, as usual, was well attended. Two new couples were there - Welcome Laura and Haydn, and Emma and Anthony. It was lovely to meet you. Hope you become regular attendees.

Our Salsa Night is fast approaching so get your bookings in through

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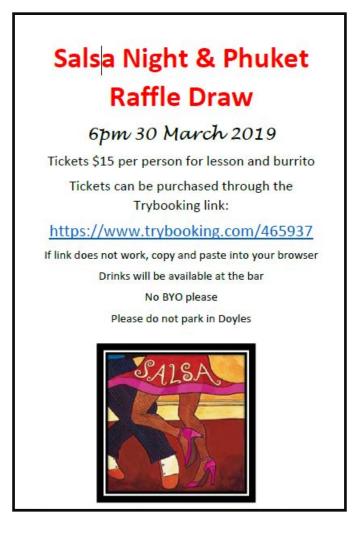
It should be a fun night with a lesson from our Salsa teachers and a burrito.

The bar will be open. If you don't feel that you want the burrito/lesson, then come along anyway and enjoy a social drink.

We will not be having the Sutton Lounge in March as the Salsa night will replace it.

Don't forget the Phuket raffle will be drawn on the night. Make sure you get your tickets. As they say 'Do yourself a favour'. You have to be in it to win it.

Cheers Christine Ffrench





Valentines Day Sailing

The perfect setting to introduce our very own club secretary Helen and her neighbour Kiera a complete newbie to the joys of twilight racing, on what was a truly beautiful evening on the bay.

3 ladies + 1 brave skipper and a yacht called Hot Stuff, a whole lot of fun, thank you Mario it was a great evening, unfortunately no dolphins, maybe next time.

Love to see more women come and give it a go

Carol Flanagan











Club Market Place ...





Boat for Sale - 26ft Caribbean Sedan

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Call Paul O'Neill— 0418 106 419 Boat will be back in its mooring on the South Wall from 19.02.19

From the Secretariat ...

MMYC Secretariat has started the data project to ensure the club has all your up to date contact details.

Thanks to a mammoth effort by Christine, we have emailed about 3/4 of the membership and the response so far has been great. This data project will not only help us keep in touch with you for relevant club events but will help keep you safe as we collate emergency contact details.

The balance of members will be contacted early March. Once Rev Sports has been updated, we will be using that platform for email distribution and bookings for events.

Please keep your responses coming so you can get the best out of the club activities.

Helen Ruhsam

Secretary

Australia Day Cruising

Although there was no formal cruise arranged, it was great to see members our enjoying a perfect day on their boats.

Thanks for sharing!



Paul Tozer



David Bain on Kestrel



Graeme and Karin - Samantha



Rene Auee - Sheeba



Murray Scott - Binda



Gary Jackson—NIKITA.



Dennis and Fay — C'est La Vie

. Marcus Allnutt in Dundee



Garry Black



Photos courtesy of Wayne Imlach

Wayne Imlach—Mischief Maker

The Wooden Boat Show Hobart 2019



Hobart was again host to the biannual Wooden Boat Festival, where visitors and the local community put on a display with over 500 boats that literally showcases several thousand years of boating history and craftmanship in the one location.

Several members from Mordialloc made the arduous journey from Melbourne across the ocean to arrive in Hobart which was bustling with activity from a plethora of events (not just the boat festival).

Arriving Thursday morning allowed us to set up digs in a local motel not far from the water front and allowed us to explore the docks and get a sneak preview of the vessels on show (a great opportunity to get some uninterrupted long shot photos of choice boats before the docks filled up). Dinner was at the Drunken Admiral, whose contents and décor could probably fit out several of the ships in port in authentic period equipment.

Friday morning it was an early start for the bus ride down to Kettering to embark on the Yukon, a 1936-60 tonne ketch (small tall ship) to journey up the Derwent to join the great parade of sail to kick off the festival. Leaving about 8.00am and travelling up the D'Encastreaux channel in a stiffening breeze we were joined after morning tea by a plethora of small yachts, whale boats, Gentlemans cruisers, motor launches, dinghies, steam boats and eventually five tall ships to make the grand entrance of approximately 200 boats into constitution dock, the wharf lined by thousands of sight seers!



The Yukon at Kettering



The water front was then explored in detail with numerous docks full of amazing boats, stalls, food, music, lectures, demonstrations and static displays (some of the model boats have taken just as long as the full scale ones to build).

The craftmanship and finish on some of these pieces of art had to be seen to be believed.

After battling the throngs in Salamanca's market in the morning, Saturday was a chance to enjoy the peace and sanctity of the sumptuous Preana, a 1896 restored steam powered Gentleman's launch painstakingly restored to its former glory and whose plush interior and accommodation would put to shame many six star hotels of past & present.

It was an amazing experience to be able to talk easily in the engine room with the steam engine quietly gently tapping away in the background. You wouldn't be able to do this in the engine on any other motor boat!





Sunday was a late breakfast dockside and another chance to explore the numerous boats - very pleasing to see the Halvorsen Minoqua (Lola's big sister at 50 feet in length) and engage in the many demonstrations going on; how to caulk your boat, wooden boat building techniques etc. Before we knew it was time to head back to Melbourne, but we'll be back for the next one!!

By Michael Ruhsam



Part of the MMYC
Contingent
enjoying
the festival

The Preana









We hope you have enjoyed reading

The Anchor.

Thank you to this issue's contributors

What would you like to see more of?

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We would love to see pictures of your catch, history of your boat, funny moments in your boat or simply photos of you out and about enjoying our beautiful bay.

IS your BOAT for SALE?

Members can advertise for FREE in

the Anchor, please send in details.

We are open to new ideas

Thank you, Helen

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Where have all the fish gone?

Please let us know about your fishing adventures

We don't even mind if you make it up! :)



Raffle Tickets

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