



FEBRUARY 1965.

ANCHOR

EDITORIAL: 1965 is still only a few weeks old, yet those few weeks have been very busy ones for the club. The first two weeks of '65 were of course taken up with the seasonal vacations when many of the MMYC boats were seen at various points around the Bay. It was having just returned from these holidays that this club had the honour to be asked to assist in the running of the Castrol Bay Race, the biggest and richest of its type ever held on Port Phillip Bay. I say honour in the true sense of the word; for certainly this it must be when a small club such as ours (and it is small when compared with such clubs as Sandringham or Royal Vic.), is asked to do a job that no other could do so ably. The specific task was the judging of the Castrol Race and Dick Blades, together with a team of seven other club members did, without evasion or equivocation prove themselves worthy of that task, a task that was sprung on them at the last minute when it proved beyond the capabilities of certain other organisations on the Bay.

The other accomplishment was the transporting of 100 railway sleepers onto the Island and the reclamation of two moorings adjacent to Murphy's old slipway. A very large team took part in this on what was a very hot day.

Looking back through an old copy of "The Anchor" I came across the following paragraph in an editorial:

"Fly your club burgee with the honour and the respect that it deserves. Never disgrace it and it will never disgrace you."

Those people who took part in working bees and in the race judging and in every other job that is done in connection with the club have indeed flown their club flag with honour. Let us all resolve that that flag should fly on higher yet ever higher.

Ken Clayton. Editor.

ROSEBUD: Following on previous articles concerning wrecks in the Bay, the following account is of interest. The schooner "Rosebud" was a wooden ship. She measured 71'1" x 19'3" x 12'6". She was built in England in 1841. She was a regular visitor to Port Phillip Bay during the early 1850's

and is reported to have gone ashore on a sandbank near that part of the shoreline that now bears her name. The wreck evidently caused considerable excitement in the area as various household items came gratis from the wreck. People arranged to meet near the wreck, and it was in this manner that the infant settlement got its name.

INTERCLUB RACES: Entry forms for Isle of Mordialloc and Whalley Cup are now obtainable from clubhouse. Closing date is March 2nd.

ASSISTANCE WANTED: This year the Isle of Mordialloc race will be held on Saturday 13th March. In order to facilitate catering, it has been decided to prepare salads etc. on the night before. Ladies are requested to come down that night armed with the appropriate utensils. The gents need not feel out of place that night either. They will be required to help clean up the slipway etc.

SECRETARY WANTED: The Port Phillip Power Boat Association, of which this club is a member, requires a Secretary. Colin Watson, of Patterson River has had to resign from the position because of other commitments. If any member feels that he could assist, then his services would be most welcome. There is no great task involved, only the taking of notes at the meeting once each month and a very minor amount of general secretarial work. ~~This matter is of great urgency~~ and anyone who feels that he could help should contact Ken Clayton.

FLOTSAM AND JETSAM:

Dave McGuffie joined the "Mud Wallowers Anonymous" when he took an unexpected plunge off his boat on Sunday 14th.

An old landmark (?) has gone from the creek with the departure of "Richlieu". She was taken in tow by a harbour trust launch on the morning of February 19th and taken, it is believed, to Williamstown.

Certain gentleman of the club may be minus a limb, but he seems to be one-eyed as well, especially when it comes to Mercedes cars. It could be, though, that this club is creating an impression like one gets when one visits Royal Vic. First impression gained by visitors is a mouthwatering gaze at one gleaming white Mercedes sports coupe. Very nice George.

Ken Clayton advises members to take care when making a right hand turn into the parking area from the highway. He is minus one white sports car (Renault).

Des Darvel and Ted Dixon, club members of long standing but without boats for some time, can now be congratulated on their new boats. Both boats were finished by their owners and must be acknowledged as very creditable pieces.

of handiwork.

Certain gentleman of a certain organisation who often has much to say on Bay safety, expressed doubts about returning from St. Kilda after the running of the Castrol event. His concern was the lack of navigation lights on his boat.

The drag line has been working in the creek. At least it was until the bucket fell off, nearly flattening a sand truck in the process.

Will there be an oyster industry in the Bay? Much publicity has been given to the scallop industry, but the Editor is thinking strongly in terms of oysters. After the running of one of the races the other Sunday he did a little fishing to fill in time. When he hauled up the anchor, it brought up a large clump of oysters clinging to it. They went very well in a sea-fo cocktail that evening.

Scrap copper and brass are now bringing a very good price. This price might even go higher if the Mount Isa dispute continues. Any one who has any copper or brass lying around should now consider it as a good source of potential pocket money.

Pocket money would certainly come in handy for a couple of the boats that went in the Castrol race. Ottawa III. of Royal Vic. and one of the Bertram boats used 250 gallons and 90 gallons respectively.

Negotiations have again been resumed with the Shell Oil Co. for the establishing of a fuelling point on the Island.

NUPTIAL NEWS:

On Saturday, 30th January last, George Bates' daughter Norma became Mrs. Alvin Moore at a wedding ceremony at St. Augustine's Church of England, Mentone. The wedding reception was later held at the Mentone Lodge.

It is of interest to note that it was at the same church that George was married over forty years ago. Warmest congratulations are in order for all parties concerned.

POLLUTION OF SEA BY OIL:

At the last International Conference on the prevention of pollution of the sea by oil in 1962, the urgency of the need to control and eliminate, where practicable, pollution of the sea by oil was stressed as a world wide problem.

The Victorian Government has brought down the Navigable Waters (Oil Pollution) Act.

In carrying out its obligations under this act and the International Conference recommendations, the Ports and Harbours Branch of the Public Works Department, has been severely handicapped in its efforts to detect offenders, owing to the delay in notification of the presence of oil pollution.

In the case of pollution by shipping or from storm-water drains emptying into Port Phillip Bay outside the Melbourne

Harbour Trust or Geelong Harbour Trust areas, notification by yacht clubs, boat clubs etc. would be invaluable. It would, therefore, be greatly appreciated if anyone seeing signs of pollution would contact the following officers of the Ports and Harbours Branch giving site, time, etc.

1. Captain R. Weston, 63-1321 Ex. 6374.
After Hours 57-1663.
2. Captain B. Johnson, 63-0321 Ex. 6374.
After Hours 99-3041.
3. Mr. G. Chisholm, 63-0321 Ex. 6709.
After Hours 92-4530.

INFORMATION REQUIRED: The Port Phillip Power Boat Association is calling a meeting of all boating bodies on the Bay to discuss overall Bay development, boating registration, etc. If any member has or can supply the names of any boating organisation other than what appears on the Victorian Yachting Council list then that information would be most helpful. Please contact Ken Clayton.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

February 27th Social at Clubhouse - 8 p.m. This will be the first Social for 1965 so come along and help make the night the gay time it always is.

Sunday February 28th. Races starting at 10.30 a.m. Remember that briefing is at 10 a.m. It was very gratifying to see twenty boats take part in the last race day. Many of them were new members of the club. So come along and make this day a success, too. Its not the fastest boat that counts nor the best brain, only the bloke that's out for a day's fun.

Saturday March 13th Isle of Mordialloc - 11 a.m.

Sunday March 14th Races at - 10.30 a.m.

March 20th - Whalley Cup at Sandringham.

March 21st R.V.M.Y.C. Cup at Williamstown.

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH:

It often shows a fine command of language to say nothing.

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ANCHOR

EDITORIAL:

Perhaps one of the greatest projects undertaken by the Port Phillip Power Boat Association is the convening of a Meeting of all Boating Organisations on the Bay to be held on the 31st March. In a letter sent to these organisations the President of the Association, Mr. Alan Dudley says -

" The Members of our Association are gravely concerned at the lack of co-ordination between Boat Owners of Port Phillip, Hobson's and Corio Bays, and consider it desirable that immediate action be taken to remedy this situation. A sub-committee has been formed to plan action which should give an opportunity to every Yacht Club and Motor Yacht Club in these waters to express the views of their Members to enable concerted action to be taken with maximum effect.

We have in mind a Development Committee working on long range plans; for example, to build havens down the centre of the Bay, and in the immediate future, the creating of better facilities for boating generally.

It is a matter for concern that registration fees paid by Motor Yachtsmen are not being expended for the benefit of all types of craft - and that already some of these funds are being transferred into Consolidated Revenue.

The Victorian Yachting Council as the governing body in Victoria, has demonstrated its support of our proposed action by appointing two delegates to attend the meeting to initiate the formation of a combined committee.

This Committee will be responsible for the planning of future development and to press for representation on the proposed body to be established to control waters of Port Phillip Bay.

It will be essential that this Committee represent all aspects of boating and that the first meeting represent all clubs around the Bay."

If you, as members of the Mordialloc Motor Yacht Club know of any person or Club that might be interested in these proposed moves then you should inform them of the proposed meeting so that they can arrange for delegates to attend.

NEW APPOINTMENT:

Dick Blades is now Assistant Handicapper. Both Dick and Handicapper Doug Forfar have requested that donors of races come prepared to run their event. Printed or written instructions for participants in the event are desirable.

LOST:

Spinnaker Pole from the vessel "Mistral III" somewhere in Port Phillip Bay. Finder should contact Maurice Dowd Pty. Ltd. or Phone 41-5800.

A REQUEST FROM THE SLIPMASTER:

Dick Blades has requested that any Member wishing to use the slipway, even if for a brief time only, must contact him - emergencies excepted.

ISLE OF MORDIALLOC:

Rough seas and gale force winds forced the cancellation of the Isle of Mordialloc event this year. Your Executive Committee has decided that the race will not now be staged this year.

Despite the inclement weather of the day, a large crowd of Members and Visitors gathered on the Island and partook of the hospitality of the Club. It was notable that among the Visitors were three Members of the Beaumaris Motor Yacht Squadron.

Again as usual, the ladies of this Club came to the fore and excelled themselves in arranging the catering for the day. Congratulations Ladies!

FLOTSAM AND JETSAM:

Peter Fennessy of this Club is now Secretary of the P.P.P.B.A.

Tom Barnett of Sandringham won the 1965 Whalley Cup.

Bill Lipscombe was prepared to sign the pledge when he saw two large eyes staring up at him out of the water on Sunday 21st. Some frantic prodding with boat hooks and the combined efforts of two people landed a very large octopus (at least six foot across). It may have entered the creek to escape rough water or it may have been sick, in any case a rarity for Mordialloc Creek.

Dredging of moorings has commenced on the south bank of the Creek near Peter Alnutt's.

The Club House should take on a new appearance soon when it is painted in the new colour scheme approved by the Committee.

ORIGIN OF THE KNOT:

The original knot was derived from a weighted piece of wood run out astern on a line knotted every 47 feet 3 inches. The number of knots on the line passing overboard every 28 seconds timed by a sand glass was equivalent to nautical miles per hour.

AN INTERESTING WRECK:

On the 19th November 1865, at 8.30 p.m. the single screw Steamer "City of Launceston" of some 278 tons collided with another Steamer the "Penola". The collision occurred about 14 miles from Williamstown near the entrance to the West Channel.

The hull of the City of Launceston was holed on the starboard side, abaft the mainmast resulting in the aft section of the vessel filling with water very quickly, and after 40 minutes she went down. No loss of life occurred although all cargo, mails and personal effects were lost.

The morning after the collision, Captain Ferguson, Chief Harbour Master at the time, proceeded to the wreck and found her lying about 8½ miles on the North side of the West Channel Light Ship, right in the Fairway. Her bearings were given as Station Peak W. by N. and the West Channel Lightship S.W. Half W. She was then about 13½ miles from the Gellibrand Point Lightship and the top of her mast was just above water. The sea was clear and her decks could be seen far below.

A notice to Mariners published on the 21st of that month stated the Vessel lay 8½ miles from the Lightship in 11 fathoms and was with her head to the westward. A further notice, on October 3rd the following year mentioned that the funnel and masts had been removed and that there was now 7 fathoms over the vessel.

The interesting fact about this wreck is that no information is available as to if ever it was raised. Should it not have been, then it should prove an interesting find to skin divers.

COMING EVENTS:

- APRIL 3rd and 4th: B.P. "Investigation Trophy" run by Sandringham Yacht Club. This is Another around the Bay Event but includes one night leg and an overnight stop. Boats leave Sandringham on the afternoon of the 3rd and proceed to Williamstown where a Barbeque Tea will be held prior to the night leg to Portarlington. Further details can be had from the Hon. Race Secretary of Sandringham Yacht Club.
- APRIL 4th: For those MMYC Members not interested in Around the Bay Races there is scheduled on our program a Cruise and Barbeque.
- APRIL 11th: Races at 10.30 am. Remember that all Skippers should be present at the briefing 30 minutes before that time.
- APRIL 24th: Social at Clubhouse.
- APRIL 25th: Fishing Trophy.

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EDITORIAL: The formation of a Port Phillip Boat Owners Committee on March 31st is a move that I regard as unique in boating circles in this State, if not in Australia. Representatives of fifteen boating groups met and discussed common problems relating to angling, waterskiing, sailing, power boating and the like. That such a group should meet and agree surely emphasises the problems and serious anomalies that exist in this Bay and the Government's lack of co-operation in attending to the same.

The Committee was formed under the guidance of the Port Phillip Power Boat Association of which this Club is a foundation Member. Although the P.P.P.B.A. was formed with objects only of better interclub relationship and general safety on the Bay, it was instrumental in its early stages of having certain stupid clauses omitted from the Victorian Motor Boat Regulations. Now, it must be very gratifying for Members who were on the early P.P.P.B.A. Committee to see that it has taken this step forward in inaugurating something of immense value to all boating.

In an Edition of the "Anchor" some years ago I pointed out that Boat Owners were being "taken for a ride". I then suggested that Boat Owners should unite and press claims for better facilities and conditions. This now looks like coming about. However, it will only come about if you as Boat Owners, continue to support any moves that are made. Members of your Club are on the Committee and welcome your thoughts and suggestions on boating on Port Phillip Bay. Ken Clayton -
Editor,

B.P. BAY RACE: The weekend of the 3rd and 4th of April saw the running of the Annual B.P. Around the Bay Race. Some forty boats started in the event amongst which was one boat from ~~MAYC~~; that boat was "Dart" skippered by Ken Clayton with Sue Clayton as Navigator and Rex Clayton as Engineer and variable ballast.

The Race was over a course of about 96 miles and started and finished at Sandringham. The Boats left Sandringham early on the Saturday afternoon in glorious sunshine. The first

section of the course took them out to the spoil ground buoy then back to Brighton, up along the coast to Port Melbourne and across to Williamstown. By the time most of the boats were nearing the top end of the Bay quite a strong north-easterly was blowing. A Barbeque Tea was held at Williamstown (at a moderate charge of course). Fueling was a little difficult at this stage because the Pump Attendant (Golden Fleece) happened to be the Bar-Man as well.

Second leg of the course took the Boats on a night leg down the Channel then across to the outer explosive buoy then south again until some two miles off the Point Richard Light then across to Portarlinton. The north-easter was still blowing and most craft were rolling somewhat as they made the final run to the Portarlinton Jetty. Most Skippers agree that this was perhaps the most difficult leg of the Race. Distances were very hard to determine and it was almost impossible to tell the exact distance of any light or object. At a Presentation Night held at Sandringham Yacht Club the following Tuesday Night results disclosed that "Dart" had won this leg with an error of only 4 seconds.

All Boats spent a rather uncomfortable night at Portarlinton with the wind freshening to nearly gale force in the night. At 6-30 am. the Race resumed with Boats driving into very rough seas and a rising sun. However, on turning down the West Channel conditions eased and by the time Portsea was reached seas were quite calm. "Dart" was experiencing some trouble on this run. A loose tank cap had let some water into the fuel tank and part of the West Channel run was done on one engine. The other motor was progressively loosing revs and when this was eventually traced just a few days ago proved to be two burnt exhaust valves.

At this stage the weather forecast was not good, with the Bureau forecasting wind gusts of 40 MPH. or more. A meeting of Skippers was held on the Portsea Jetty and after much discussion it was voted to continue the Race. (10 for 5 against). Some boats pulled out at this point. However, the seas did not get rougher, instead they got calmer, only the rain increased as we moved steadily up the Bay. Indeed visibility at some stages was down to half a mile or less, necessitating the use of the Compass for most of the run back to Sandringham. Nevertheless, the Race was quite successful with valuable prizes being awarded to winners of each leg, group placings, etc. Congratulations must go of course to Max Hazelwood, Skipper of Miss Bertram who was

overall winner.

This Race was suited to many boats of our Club and it is hoped that next year will find a larger entry from the MMYC.

WORKING BEE: A Working Bee will be held on Saturday 1st May to complete the first stage of reclamation of that part of the Island at the rear of the Clubhouse. As Club Members this is for your mutual benefit and so you are requested to take part in this Working Bee. Remember. Many hands make light work. You are asked to bring shovels, wheel barrows, rakes, and saws (crosscut particularly if you have them). If you have not got any of these don't worry, come along just the same. There will be something for you to do.

NUPTIAL NEWS: The wedding took place on Saturday 17th April of Christina de Pelsenair to Colin Clayton. The wedding was celebrated at St. John's Church of England, Blackburn and afterwards at "Palm Court" in Whitehorse Road.

Christina wore a satin dress cut on classical empire lines with heavy guipure applique on the front of the skirt. A long train of satin fell from a high waist at the back. She carried a trailer of white roses and azaleas.

The couple plan to spend their honeymoon touring Tasmania and on returning home will settle in Dingley.

FLOTSAM AND JETSAM: The boat formerly known as "Cape Cod" which featured in the tragic incident at the opening of our 1964-65 season is once more in the water. She has lost her mast and bowsprit and is now moored on the Carnival Wall of the Creek.

Harold Swift & Co. are reported to be keenly investigating the merits of water proof clothing following the running of a recent event.

Does the recent marriage of Ken Clayton's brother to his wife's sister mean that he is married to his Sister-in-Law?

Police boat followed the fleet down the Bay in the recent BP Race. Speaking to the crew afterwards they astounded all by stating that they took the opportunity to go out at night with so many boats about so that they might not come to any harm. They had not been out at night before.

Repainting of the Clubhouse is progressing well under the expert hand of Craig Bowman. Henceforth anyone who wipes a paint brush on the inside of the sliphouse wall will have to answer to Craig.

During the March Social Presentations were made on behalf of the Club to Mr. and Mrs. John Daniel Jnr. and Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Moor, all of whom were recently married. At this stage it might be opportune to remind all members that a good

time is had by all at the Socials which are held on the last Saturday night in every month.

Congratulations should go to Peter Fennesy who is doing stirring work as Secretary to P.P.P.B.A. and now find himself Secretary to the Boat Owners Committee that has been formed. Peter is a relatively new member of this Club and it is pleasing to see "new blood" come to the fore.

For any private detective work on the Island, Members should contact the new private detective firm of Prince & Blades.

Could it be that certain members are seeking the services of a tree doctor?

Strange sight to see Charlie Arthur on Saturday 17th. He seemed to be very interested in the inner most parts of the hedge at the foot of the bridge steps.

Digging of moorings on the southern bank of the creek have been temporarily halted until more detailed plans of projected operations have been forwarded to authorities. One mooring has been completed though and a boat already in it has ridden out the recent stormy weather well.

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH: (or for the working bee on May 1st).
"Hard work is the common coin in the realm of success".

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Saturday May 1st	Working Bee on Island.
Sunday May 2nd	Races in Afternoon. Briefing at 1 p.m.
Sunday May 16th	Races in Afternoon. Briefing at 1 p.m.
Saturday May 29th.	Social at Clubhouse. - 8 p.m.
Sunday May 30th.	Races in Afternoon. Briefing at 1 p.m.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS:

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Special Annoucement from Social Secretary:

Social in May will be in the form of a "Barn Dance".

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ANCHOR

EDITORIAL: We are all familiar with the general discontent that exists amongst the boating fraternity in this State. Biggest causes for grumbles are of course registration and the question "Why pay Petrol Tax for Boats?" This latter point is a very big question, especially when we learn that some Countries like New Zealand and America allow rebates on Petrol Tax when the fuel is used for Marine purposes.

We now have in this State an Organisation formed from amateur boating bodies (now officially called the Port Phillip Association of Sporting Boat Owners) and this Association it is hoped will endeavour to put or have these anomalies put right.

Other States are apparently not so well organised. This month news trickled through on the grapevine that there is growing discontent in New South Wales. There things are slightly different to Victoria. Instead of paying an actual Boat Registration Fee as we do they pay a Driver's Licence Fee, if their boat competes in events then they must also pay what is called a Competitor's Licence Fee. In addition Clubs holding events must pay a £5 Course Registration Fee.

Where will this all end? In the United States of America where boating is now in a very big way Government Departments really do help the boating public. Those Departments realise that boating is a big industry. There seems little evidence to show that our own Government Departments have adopted this view. It seems by and large that we are being taken for a ride. The whole concept therefore becomes a little frightening if we can therefore take a little look into the future, if we take the U.S.A. as a guide and it is generally conceded that we run from five to six years behind them in trends and if we make some slight allowances for difference in population then I will present the latest figures to hand from the U.S.A. on increased boating in that Country.

Recreational Boats in use (all types for U.S.A.)

1947	2,440,000
1950	3,510,000
1956	6,686,000
1961	7,175,000
1963	7,678,000

Estimated Retail Expenditure on Boating (all types U.S.A.)

1947	\$ 905,000,000
1950	\$ 680,000,000
1956	\$ 1,580,000,000
1961	\$ 2,340,000,000
1963	\$ 2,581,000,000

These figures certainly supply food for thought and Government or semi-Governmental bodies should be awake, realising that by helping boating in general then they are helping themselves.

Editor. Ken Clayton.

FLOTSAM AND JETSAM:

Very surprised Rear Commodore the other weekend. He staggered down to his boat carrying a can of petrol, jumped down onto the jetty expecting it to creak and groan in its usual manner and much to his surprise and delight found that someone had remodelled it. Although to our mutual benefit it might be fitting to say here a sincere thank you to Gordon Murphy for an excellent job. However, the rumour that Bill Lipscombe is moving back into his old mooring should be discounted.

Gordon Murphy and Jim pollock were two new members welcomed to the Club at the May Meeting. They were deeply impressed with the tranquil manner in which these meetings are conducted.

Older members of the Club will be sorry to hear that Harry Wharton for many years Social Secretary of this Club passed away recently and was buried on May 4th.

The Slip-Master informs us that bookings are rather quiet now. Anyone with some repair work to do should consider doing it now as bookings become a little heavy later in the year.

The Club has now purchased the slipway at the rear of the Clubhouse.

Again inclement weather has upset the racing schedule for this month. However on the afternoon of May 2nd a very enjoyable afternoon was held in which 24 boats participated. This could be a guide to those responsible for planning next seasons program where it would appear that afternoon events prove more popular.

Although there was bright sunshine for the events on May

2nd there did seem to be a little more fog than usual in the cabin of Wanderer.

The new Committee of which you have read in previous editions and which is seeking to achieve a better deal for boat owners has called themselves the Port Phillip Association of Sporting Boat Owners. Commodore Ted Beacham of Royal Victorian Motor Yacht Club is Chairman and Commodore Jefferson Jones of Sandringham is Vice-Chairman.

Some of the participants in ship breaking activities during the recent working bee are inclined to think that our Rear Commodore is much safer wielding the keys of a typewriter than a sledge hammer. Still there is the old saying "A miss is as good as a mile".

With the racing season rapidly drawing to a close Members can look forward to car outings, dinner dances, etc. These will be well publicised in the ANCHOR.

Rumour from Sandringham is that Len Catness is giving power boats away and returning to the realm of sail. His boat Satan II is for sale.

Ken and Sue Clayton's cats must be following their example in love for getting wet. One fell into the fish pond and the other followed suit by leaping into the bath (complete with occupant).

"SEA HOUND", flag ship of Mr. Peter Allnutt's hire boat fleet featured in a dramatic and what might have been disastrous incident a couple of weeks ago. The boat was engaged in charter work to the Department of Ports and Harbours who were experimenting with some type of underwater explosive device. Apparently there was a considerable quantity of explosive packed in one corner of the boat near the stern. A workman who was arranging detonator caps for firing, accidentally set one off only a few inches from the pack of explosive. The force of this detonator exploding was sufficient to blow a small hole in planking near the stern of the boat. The result on the crew leaves little to the imagination save that be it suffice to say that there was a little more washing than usual on the Allnutt's clothes line.

A strange rumour is circulating about Aub. Brett. It is said that after working on his new mooring the other day he was trying to borrow a magnifying glass and a pair of tweezers.

John Murphy's boat "Kestral" has not gone from the creek. It has only been repainted white.

COMMITTEE REQUEST: The Committee have requested that any Member selling his boat and not wishing to retain his mooring should give consideration to transferring that mooring to the Club.

WANTED: The Editor of the Anchor is interested to obtain any old photographs of the Club or any information dealing with its early history. It is intended eventually to publish these in the form of a small booklet dealing with the foundation and history of this Club.

OPERATION JOY RIDE: This Club is to co-operate with the Vintage Car Club of Victoria on Sunday July 24th in providing a day out for the under privileged children of the Burwood Boys Home. The car Club will bring the boys to Mordialloc from where they will be entertained at the Club and taken for trips to sea. Any member who is willing to donate his boat for this purpose on July 24th should keep this date in mind. Further information will be available at the next monthly meeting and in the next edition of the ANCHOR.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

BARNDANCE: This is our Social for May. Come along appropriately dressed for the night. In past years this has always proved lots of fun. The date is Saturday May 29th. Also on May 29th the Royal Victorian Motor Yacht Club will be holding their Annual Regatta Race. Details at this stage are not exactly known but it is believed to start at Williamstown at 1 p.m. Further details could be obtained from the Race Secretary at RVMYC. or by watching the Race Form Box in the porchway of our Clubhouse.

SUNDAY MAY 30th: Races in afternoon. Briefing at 1 p.m.

TUESDAY JUNE 1st: Meeting at Clubhouse. 8 p.m. Sharp.

SUNDAY JUNE 13th: Races in afternoon. Briefing at 1 p.m.

SUNDAY JUNE 27th: Races in afternoon. Briefing at 1 p.m.

Please note that these last two dates do not appear on the official program but comprise races which were postponed earlier in the season due to bad weather. Afternoon events have proved popular and this is your opportunity to make use of your boat.

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MORDIALLOC MOTOR YACHT CLUB

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EDITORIAL: With the coming of colder weather most of us are now confining our activities to maintenance and the occasional short fishing trip. However at the back of our minds may be forming plans for the warmer days of next summer, plans for that long weekend away, that Bay cruise or perhaps a trip somewhere even further than the confines of Port Phillip Bay.

Those of us who have read the newspapers recently well know that even the best of skippers can run into trouble as instanced by the running aground of the yacht "Solo" on the Barrier Reef and of the collision of the "Neophyte" off Sydney Heads with a collier. Therefore I would strongly suggest that should you plan any trip or outing in your boat, let someone (and preferably a Club Member) know your proposed route and your estimated time of arrivals. Naturally no one is going to panic if you are only half an hour or so overdue but if this time stretches into an hour or more then search proceedings and investigations into your lateness can be instituted.

Remember that there is always someone at the Club who is willing to help but nevertheless should you have had cause to change your plan or through emergency stop at another harbour then it is advised that you do telephone the Club and inform someone of this change of plan. A little thought on your part might well mean that you and others will be spared a cold night on the Bay.

Editor. Ken Clayton.

A REQUEST: To ensure the privacy of the Club and also to protect your property please remember to keep the gate closed at all times.

It is also requested that mooring lines should be checked. It has been noticed that some have deteriorated and with the onset of stormy weather boats might break adrift. Please check your lines if you have not done so recently.

DONORS FOR RACES? The Secretary is at the moment compiling the program for the coming year. Any Member wishing to donate a trophy for the forthcoming season should contact Ross White.

Actually, to donate a trophy involves no more than notifying Ross. Prizes are bought in bulk lots and the cost is averaged. This usually amounts to about £2 per person. However, donors of trophies must stage the event for which their trophy is donated. Also note that unless the Secretary hears to the contrary it will be assumed that Members who donated trophies this year will do so for the forth coming season.

WITH REGRET: It is with sincere regret that we inform members of the death of a former member of this Club, namely Ian Mainwarring. Ian was only in his forties and for many years was a willing worker around the Club. Many members will remember the Mainwarring family for the putting together of the Annual Christmas Stocking.

Mr. Leo Loyer, another member of this Club whose boat is moored on the northwest corner of the Island also passed away recently. He was a foundation member of the Mordialloc 12 Square Meter Club. To all relatives of the above we offer our sincere regret.

NEW MEMBERS: New members welcomed at the last monthly meeting of the Club were: Frank White, Clif Dixon, Pat Skinner and Don Mepstead. To these gentlemen we offer our congratulations and wish them many years of good boating and fellowship in this Club.

OPERATION JOYRIDE: Don't forget Operation Joyride next month. Note however that the date is the 25th of July, not the 24th as stated in the last Anchor. Any member who can make his boat available that day will be most appreciated. Even if you are unable to do this then the loan of life jackets would be appreciated as some sixty orphans from the Burwood Boys Home are being brought to Mordialloc by the Vintage Car Club. After lunch on the Island it is proposed to take these lads for a short trip on the Bay.

RACING: Because of the inclement weather throughout the Season it has been necessary to forgo some of the scheduled races. The last race day for this season is listed as Sunday 27th of this month. This should prove a very interesting day as aggregate points leadership is being closely contested by George Bates and Ken Clayton.

The race afternoon held on the 13th proved a very eventful day. Although seas were very calm two boats broke down. Later in the afternoon it was reported that two other boats from the Club were overdue in a trip up the bay from Queenscliff and Sorrento. A search was instituted but failed to find them. Just on nightfall however, one made the Creek under its own power and the other was towed into Sandringham.

DINNER DANCE: Social Secretary Bill Lipscombe has again organised the Annual Dinner Dance to be held this year at the Hampton Hotel. Admission will be £3.15.0 a double. This event has always proved a popular one so to avoid disappointment you should contact Bill at 72-34137. Seating is limited to one hundred and as the date is the 9th of July it is desirable to finalise booking as soon as possible.

A REMINDER: A further reminder to members who may sell their boats and perhaps do not intend to get another. The Committee has asked that consideration should be given in such an instance to transferring the mooring to the Club.

JACKETS: Many Members, especially new comers to the Club, often ask the question "Where do you get Club Blazers from?" Previously they have been made by a firm in Melbourne, but recently the Committee have thought about getting new ones made of a more modern design and with somewhat smaller pocket badges.

The matter will be discussed at the next monthly meeting (first Tuesday) in July but if you are unable to attend but would consider the purchase of a new jacket then it is advisable to communicate with either the Secretary or Ken Clayton. It is hoped that if sufficient members are interested then a representative of the firm who will make the jackets will be able to come down to the Club and measure up for sizes. The price will be approximately £15. plus pocket. This is not dear if you consider the price of a good sports coat.

FLOTSAM AND JETSAM: If you want to know how to make a left hand drill work in a right hand machine ask Dick Blades.

A quotation from "The Thames Book" on instructions in navigating power boats. "Beware of small self-drive hire launches; unfortunately most are ignorant of the rules of the road." It would seem that the Mordialloc Creek has a lot in common with Old Father Thames.

Watch further editions of the Anchor for news of a car outing in August.

Preparations are underway for the organising of next years Castrol 100 race around the bay. This will be held again on the Australia Day Weekend in January. Prizes are expected to be even bigger and better (last year a trip to Europe).

Watch the press and further editions of the Anchor for further news as this is one event worthwhile being in.

The Isle of Mordialloc will be held on a Sunday next year.

Rumours circulating that mooring officer of Mordialloc Council passed away suddenly are unfounded. He is still well on the job.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Saturday	26th June.	8 p.m.	SOCIAL AT CLUB.
Sunday	27th June.	1 p.m.	EVENTS.
Tuesday	6th July.	8 p.m.	MEETING AT CLUB.
Friday	9th July.		DINNER DANCE AT HAMPTON HOTEL.

(Please BOOK EARLY WITH BILL LIPSCOMBE.

TIME FOR A LAUGH:

An elderly woman in a pharmacy, groping to remember the name of a medicine said, "It's named after a type of bad woman." The chemist finally worked out what she wanted:- cortisone.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS:

Hon. Secretary:	Ross White	37-1632.
Slip Master:	Dick Blades	97-3189.
Publicity Officer:	Ken Clayton	86-8877 or 91-9769.
Social Secretary:	Bill Lipscombe	72-34137.
Clubhouse:		90-1203.



JULY

1965

Editor - Ken Clayton.

ANCHOR

EDITORIAL: This month, with my mind a bit of a blank, I turned to Suzanne and asked her if she could think of anything I could write about. She replied that she could think of many things, and so I asked her if she would write the editorial this month. Here then may I present a guest editorial by Suzanne Clayton.

"In this day and age with growing equality between the sexes, woman's intrusion into a hitherto exclusively male pursuit is often resented. Although this resentment may be sometimes justified in certain fields, a wife's interest in her husband's boating activities should be welcomed.

A man's hobby can be very time-consuming, particularly in the boating world ("Is" I think should be the word, Dear! Ed.), and his wife may quickly find, if she does not develop a similar interest in boats, that he is rapidly becoming involved in the "eternal triangle" of a man, his boat and his wife. As apparently no normal man is prepared to give up his boat one must apply the old adage: "If you can't lick 'em - join 'em!", and prepare for a considerable amount of life on the Ocean Wave (Or in the moorings with ear-plugs applied if the so-and-so motor won't start).

However, once into the swing of things, the little woman will discover plenty to occupy the many hours that her Better-Half deems essential to spend "down at the club". Soon the words "Spark Plug, Anti-foul, Prop." etc. will be as familiar to her as her own language of dishes, nappies and the price of potatoes.

But all this is not in vain, for with the start of the new season her spouse, perhaps with no other member of his sex to assist him, turns to his faithful helper with stop watch, chart, and some (to her unintelligible) instructions and says, "You have five minutes before the race starts to work out where to go and how long to get there, and while you're doing that would you cast off and don't forget to stow the spanners and bucket and bilge pump away." This is somewhat of a shock the

first time, but as the season wears on, previously unsuspected powers of mental calculation in arithmetic are developed.

Thus it is that the sense of achievement shared by a couple who win an event together, with each an essential member of the team, takes a lot of beating, and there are many husband and wife teams at Mordialloc whose enjoyment is shared in this way. When trophies are presented at the Annual Presentation Night, there would be many bitterly disappointed ladies if they were uninvited (Pot Hunters! Ed.) Fortunately, M.M.Y.C. recognises that the family boat is a family matter, ladies are welcomed there and the club as a whole must surely be richer for this.

Sadly, one occasionally hears the lament, "I wish my wife would take an interest in the boat", and it would indeed be wonderful if they, next season, could also discover for themselves the great comradeship and the many pleasures to be had in company with the many others who enjoy "Just messing around in boats."

CAR TRIP: The annual Car Trip will take place on August 15th. This year we will be heading for Sorrento where the facilities of a caravan park and hall have been put at our disposal. Start will be at 10 a.m. from the hotel yard at Mordialloc. Bring along a barbeque lunch if you so desire. Remember, let it rain, let it pour, We'll see you all by Sorrento shore. P.S. But I hope the sun shines.

MANNEQUIN NIGHT AT CLUB: The General Meeting Night this month turned into a fashion display when Rear Commodore Ken Clayton showed a new yachting jacket. Price quoted on that night was not correct. It is £15/10/- including pocket and personal fitting at the club.

Vice Commodore Jack Daniel also discussed a jacket, in the reefer jacket style. This jacket would be priced at £13/5/- but would not include pocket or fitting. Further information on either of these jackets should be direct to either of the above mentioned gentlemen.

CLOSE FINISH: Aggregate points for events held during the season closed with the running of the last event on 4th July. Right up to the last event the winner of the aggregate was in doubt and only on final counting did it show that Ken Clayton had won by $7\frac{1}{2}$ points. Points for the first three places were:

1st Ken Clayton in Dart	1429 $\frac{1}{2}$
2nd George Bates in Norma	1422
3rd Jack Daniel in Kooringa	1283.

SMOKE NIGHT: Start thinking about the Smoke Night to be held this year on November 5th.

JUST HANGING AROUND:

Two requests concerning hanging.

First. When finished with the hose, hang it up on the equipment provided.

Second. When finished with the telephone make sure that it is hung up the correct way, otherwise the phone will be in effect "out of order". The correct way to hang the 'phone up is to have the ear piece at the top and facing outwards outwards towards the user.

FLOTSAM & JETSAM:

Jack Blades has commenced work on the new cradle for the slipway at the rear of the Islander. Keith Glenister has questioned the need for a second sander to go with this.

Perhaps we will have a lady slipway mistress one day. Sue Clayton is becoming very adept at operating the winch.

The Clayton family certainly plan competition for the next season. Colin Clayton is buying a new boat, a 13 ft. fibre-glass speed boat and Suzanne's father has recently purchased a 15 ft. Benson and Shaw runabout.

With recent falls of snow it is a fair guess that we will not be seeing much of Verne Dalton for the rest of the winter. Verne is a keen skier. Let's hope that he sticks to skiing and not tobogganning as per the Eric Underdown method.

Seen on the Island again after an absence of many weeks was Bill Withers. Bill, wife and dog have been holidaying in Queensland.

Also seeking warmer regions in the sunny (?) north is Bert Wells.

Members who have boats registered with numbers other than the M. Series may change to this series without any cost. Further information on this should be directed to Secretary Ross White.

Anyone with a flare for Hi-Fi music should have words with Leo Mercer.

Wonder who that tycoon was who raided Mum's biscuit jar for small change?

DON'T FORGET: That the Monthly Meeting next month (August) is nomination night for Officers and Committee of the Club. Elections of persons nominated will take place in September. All persons nominated must be financial. Are you??

Don't forget that if you do change your address, then notify the Secretary accordingly.

Don't forget to close the rear door of the Clubhouse if you have used it.

Don't forget that the August Social is presentation night.

WANTED: A few willing hands on 8th August to rake and sieve the newly reclaimed section of the Island in preparation for planting the lawn.

BATTERY CHARGER AVAILABLE: A battery charger is now available for Members use. There will be no charge (financially) for this service. Enquiries should be directed to Slipmaster Dick Blades.

MEANING OF MORDIALLOC: Mordialloc is taken as being a corruption of a native phrase "Moody Yallock" meaning "near the little sea".

HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW YOUR BOAT? Here are some short questions on small boat handling. See if you can answer them. The answers will appear in the next issue of Anchor.

1. Which is the weather side of a boat?
2. If the rudder is put to port, which way does the stern swing?
3. Into how many degrees is the compass card divided?
4. How many degrees in one point?
5. Describe an occulting light?
6. Describe a flashing light?
7. Does the compass rose printed on charts indicate deviation?

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH: Life is like sailing up a river. One never knows what lies around the next bend.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Tuesday Aug. 3rd. Meeting at Clubhouse 8 p.m. Nomination Night.

Sunday Aug. 15th. Car Trip to Sorrento. Meet in hotel at 10 a.m.

Saturday Aug. 28th. Social at Clubhouse and Presentation Night.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS:

Hon. Secretary ROSS WHITE.
Slip Master DICK BLADES.
Publicity Officer KEN CLAYTON.

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CLUBHOUSE:

90-1203.

ALL SUBSCRIPTIONS SHOULD BE PAID BY 1ST SEPTEMBER.



MORDIALLOC MOTOR YACHT CLUB

AUGUST

1965.

Editor - KEN CLAYTON.

ANCHOR

EDITORIAL: Once again we have come to the end of another Club year, for at the Annual General Meeting on the 7th of next month, with the election of a new Committee and Office Bearers, we start afresh for '65 - '66.

This last season has seen the Club move further forward with new developments and projects and with the keenness of present members there is no doubt that it should continue so for the next twelve months.

I shall be stepping down from position as Editor of the "Anchor" and letting someone else, namely Craig Bowman, have a go. Indeed, this feature of letting anyone with an aptitude for certain tasks "have a go" might be termed that of club policy and has probably contributed in no small way to the progress of this club. Therefore, we wish Craig every success and I am sure that all members will keep him supplied with those small items of information that are so important to the "Editor of the Anchor".

And finally, as a parting plea, might I ask for volunteers for position of handicapper and assistant handicapper. As you will read further on in this edition, there were no nominations for these positions. I would have considered the job but unfortunately I shall be interstate at the height of next season's racing program. It has always been a difficult situation to fill but I feel that there must be some members of the club who have retired from actually racing, but who might like to retain an interest and accept the position. I do strongly exhort any members with such thoughts to come forward at the Annual General Meeting.

Editor. Ken Clayton.

NOTICE TO MARINERS. Dated July 25th.

A 300 gal. barrel buoy painted Red and Yellow stripes is stationed 4.3 miles, 210 degrees West of the Mordialloc Jetty light. This is to mark a proposed artificial reef to be established. Further details will be issued on establishment of reef.

NOMINATIONS: The following were nominated for positions as detailed below. Elections will take place at the Annual General Meeting on September 7th at the Clubrooms at 8 p.m. All members are expected to attend.

J. Daniel,	Commodore,	unopposed.
K. Clayton,	Vice Commodore,	unopposed.
E. Dixon,	Rear Commodore,) Election to be held.
W. Lipscombe,	Rear Commodore,	
R. White	Sec./Treasurer,	unopposed.
J. Smith,	Assistant Sec.,	unopposed.
R. Blades,	Slip Master,	unopposed.
Craig Bowman	Editor of Anchor & Publicity Officer,	unopposed.

E. Dixon,	Auditors -	
A. Brett,	(2 required)	unopposed.

C. Arthur,	Master of Ceremonies,	unopposed.
W. Lipscombe,	Social Secretary,	unopposed.
C. Watt,	Crew Member on Committee,	unopposed.

Thirteen people have been nominated for Committee. As only six are required an election will take place. Those nominated are:

A. Bowden,
D. Forfar,
J. Large, —
G. Murphy, —
J. Prince, —
F. Pearce,
E. Underdown, —
C. Bowman, —
C. Arthur, —
V. Dalton,
E. Dixon, —
T. Grayson,
J. Daniel, jnr.

As mentioned in the Editorial the positions of handicapper and assistant handicapper remain vacant. **D. DARVAL**

FLOTSAM AND JETSAM: "Operation Joyride", the combined efforts of our club and the Vintage Car Club of Victoria to give the boys from the Burwood Boys Home a day out, was a magnificent success. It has been suggested that an event of this type could well find a permanent place on the club calendar in the future.

Organisation of the Castrol Bay Race for 1966 is progressing. It would now appear certain that the predicted log section will be in two parts, i.e., one course for boats to 8 knots and a longer course for faster craft.

Although it did rain on the day of the car trip to Sorrento, all those of the many who attended voted it one of the best outings that this club has ever had. This was due in no small way to the great effort put into the organisation by social secretary Bill Lipscombe.

Ken Clayton, together with Bryce Daniel from Patterson River Motor Yacht Club is now joint Secretary of the Port Phillip Power Boat Association.

Following the recent spreading of fertiliser on the lawn, the Island took on a temporary appearance of a "White Christmas".

"Sea Hound" formerly owned by local hire boat proprietor Peter Allnutt left for Tasmania under it's own power on the morning of the 15th of this month.

FINAL REMINDER: Any person who has not paid his fees to date should take a careful look at Rule No. 24.

Remember that persons unfinancial shall not be entitled to vote at the Annual General Meeting.

The Committee has requested that persons attending the Annual General Meeting should bring proof of current membership.

ANNUAL BALL: The Annual Club Ball will be held on October 8th at the Mordialloc City Hall. Final ticket price has not been decided yet but should not be greater than 30/- per head. To facilitate catering etc. it would be appreciated if members would notify Bill Lipscombe as soon as possible re numbers attending. The ball has always been a popular feature of club activity as well as supporting the Club Fin. Res. So don't forget. Make October 8th a definite date on your calendar this year.

FRYPAN TEA: A frypan tea will be held on the 19th September at 5.30 p.m. It is proposed to hold a film show and some dancing after the tea.

To put new members in the picture, a few details on the frypan tea. Each member and his family is asked to bring along something to eat. Cakes, savories, or something to heat in a frypan will do. If you have not got a frypan, bring along your camp stove as there are generally not enough power points anyway. This always seems a good night to try out that new casserole recipe. Don't forget to bring along some knives, forks, etc.

ANSWERS TO LAST MONTH'S QUIZ:

1. Weather side. The side towards the wind.
2. Rudder to port. The stern will swing to the right or starboard.
3. Degrees in compass card. 360.
4. Degrees in a point. $11\frac{1}{4}$.
5. Occulting light. A steady light suddenly and totally eclipsed at regular intervals. The period of light must be greater than, or equal to, the period of darkness.
6. Flashing light. A single flash at regular intervals. (Note: A flash is usually shorter than the duration of the eclipse.)
7. Compass rose indicate deviation. It does not. Deviation is the angular difference between that direction shown by the ship's compass and a free needle suspended at the point in question.

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH: Plato certainly did not have increased car insurances and registration to worry about. He may have been taxed, but did it increase annually by 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ %? Was he plagued by the increased cost of living? I don't know, but something must have prompted him to write:-

"The penalty good men pay for indifference to public affairs is to be ruled by evil men". (Any reference to persons living or dead is purely accidental. Ed.)

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Presentation Night & Social.	August 28th. 8 p.m.
	at Clubhouse.
Annual General Meeting.	September 7th. 8 p.m.
Frypan Tea.	September 19th. 5.30 p.m.
Social at Clubhouse.	September 25th. 8 p.m.
Ball.	October 8th.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS:

Hon. Secretary	Ross White	37-1632.
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Social Secretary.	Bill Lipscombe.	72-34137.



MORDIALLOC MOTOR YACHT CLUB

SEPTEMBER • - 1965.

EDITOR - CRAIG BOWMAN

ANCHOR

EDITORIAL: We have now started into another Club Year for 1965-66 and I feel that it is going to be a very successful one for our newly appointed Commodore J. Daniel and his staff of Flag Officers. At the Annual General Meeting held on 7th September we saw J. Prince take the Chair of Commodore and then install the ingoing Commodore and his Flag Officers. I am sure all Members present wish to congratulate Jack Prince on the very good job he did.

Election was held for position of Rear Commodore, those standing were Bill Lipscombe and Ted Dixon with honours going to Bill Lipscombe. Congratulations Bill.

The Secretary of course the backbone of any Club has done another wonderful job in the past year as we can see by his report. Members thank you Ross.

" As yet another year in the Club's history closes it is gratifying to again report on the steady progress.

The statement of receipts and expenditure continues on a pattern which has been maintained for some years. Club revenue has again been spent on amenities and improvements. Debentures on the bridge have continued to be redeemed slightly faster than originally anticipated.

Plans for construction of additional toilet facilities have been completed and the approval of the Building Inspector is shortly expected. The construction of those will be in the next financial year.

We have this year been fortunate in receiving approval of Council and Lands Dept. to have the rear section of the Island added to the existing lease giving the Club additional space. With the removal of the old hulk, evergreen tree, levelling of the area, reclamation of two moorings originally club property, progress this year has been better than expected. All the necessary material has been purchased to complete the sheet piling of the eastern perimeter. On the north wall the Shell Co. intends to erect a marine fuelling station to be operated by the Club. This will complete the wall around the Club's section of the Island.

During the 25 years I have been associated with this Club, from members past and present there has been formed a small band who are the nucleus of this Club. It has always been their vision to see the remainder of the Island covered by the Club's lease, developed into a grass covered area, Club boats moored around the perimeter with water, power points, lights and similar amenities to the front section. It now appears they will reap the reward of their labours.

Our slipway continues to break records and this year's turnover exceeds all previous. The slipway originally owned by Murffey Bros., was purchased during the year, a new cradle is under construction, it is proposed to fit an electric motor to the winch providing an additional slipway to the ever increasing boats.

An orbital sander was purchased for use in the slipway cover the Clubhouse rewired due to an electrical fault developing, this could have proved disastrous had it not been discovered in time. A pair of doors were cut in the rear wall and stairway added. The appearance of the Clubhouse has been enhanced by the application of paint to the exterior which together with necessary maintenance has been capably carried out by one of our Committee Members Craig Bowman.

During the year we admitted 18 new members making a total of 134 Club Members.

An attempt to dredge the new moorings on the South Bank of the entrance was halted due to the Public Works Port Officer requiring additional information. This was supplied and the necessary approval has now been given. It is hoped to continue forming 11 new moorings.

Your committee has been particularly active during the year and a large number of matters have been approved. All meetings were attended regularly - K. Clayton, R. White, J. Smith, R. Blades, C. Arthur, C. Bowman, 11 meetings; J. Large and J. Prince, 10; A. Bowden, W. Lipscombe, 9; J. Daniel, E. Dixon, 8; E. Underdown, 7; D. Forfar and R. Blackmore, 6. While it appears that some members were away, reasons such as illness, interstate business commitments have been taken into consideration.

Our sporting programme has been well patronized, unfortunately for the first time we had to abandon the Isle of Mordialloc due to bad weather. Thanks to all members who participated in making such a success of the season.

Our social programme from Fry Pan Teas, to Socials,

Smoke Nights, and various other functions have again been capably handled by Bill Lipscombe. We have been fortunate with our Social Secretaries and Bill is a worthy successor.

In conclusion I would like to thank Flag Officers, Assistant Secretary, Social Secretary and all those too numerous to mention for their help in the various activities and projects which have been up this year...."

The voting for your new committee resulted in the following:-

C. Watt, (Crew Member)
J. Prince,
C. Arthur,
J. Large,
C. Bowman,
E. Underdown,
T. Dixon,
D. Darvell, (Handicapper).

A working bee is to be held on 17th October, please turn up and be in it.

Once again the good spirit of the Club exists. Jim Smith's boat was due to come up for repainting and quite a few members got busy in bringing it up and now it is like new ready to take to the water again.

We will now see Lee Glenister about the Island again. He has just returned from Queensland. Hope you had a nice Holiday Lee.

No.2 Slipway now is operation and we hope to get on with motorizing it in the near future.

To Leo Mercer and family, members convey deepest sympathy in your sad loss of your brother in Tasmania.

Jim Smith has just undergone a big operation and is now on the way to recovery. We all wish Jim well and hope to see you on the Island when fit.

Christine Blackmore, daughter of the immediate past Commodore has lost her appendix. Into hospital on Friday, home on Monday. All the best Christine from members.

Peter Allnut hired out a boat on Sunday 29th August and when it was overdue to return Ken Clayton once again to the front searched the Bay as far as Mornington without any luck. Yes, it was found on Monday down at the mouth of the river. Just a joyride.

Would the member seen taking a cap from the Porch of the Clubroom please return it. He was last seen wearing it heading towards Adelaide. It didn't fit anyway. K.G.

There has been things stolen from Boats moored on the Hotel side of the Island. Members are well advised not to leave valuables in their boats.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Annual Ball October 8th.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS:

Hon. Secretary:	ROSS WHITE	317-1632.
Slip Master:	DICK BLADES	97-3189.
Social Secretary:	BILL LIPSCOMBE	72-34137.
Editor Anchor:	CRAIG BOWMAN	772-3016.

OCTOBER - 1965

EDITOR: CRAIG BOWMAN.

ANCHOR

NEWS:

The launching of two more big boats by J. Pompei during the past two weeks, drew quite a big crowd to the north bank of the creek, to watch them go into the water. One was 50 ft. x 15'6" beam and one 46 ft. x 15 ft. beam.

It is quite a costly job to transport them from J. Pompei's boatbuilding yard to launching them in the water. Costing over £100. per boat, and sometimes runs into a lot more according to time. I understand that these two boats are bound for San Remo, Shark fishing.

I believe the man made reef that they are creating out in the Bay, for the breeding of fish has been started, but I will get more details on it, at a later date from the Public Works Department.

A Special Meeting of Committee Members was held, and new members wanting the new moorings over on the South bank were invited. The meeting was well attended by new members, and it looks as if the 11 or 12 moorings to be dug out will soon be taken. A working bee was held on Sunday 17th Oct. to build a ramp for a Machine to enter the water.

~~Bill Clark our Mooring Officer was not so generous~~ after all, as it appeared on our accounts, by giving us until the end of October instead of end of September, Oh. No. he made a mistake and now says. "By-----You will only get 11 months next year. We all feel for you Bill, we all do it.

Our Handicapper, Des Darvell wishes all boats taking part in racing events to carry Compass, Parallel Rule and Dividers in their boats.

All members events to be given to Des Darvell one week before the race.

Once again the Management of the Hotel, asks Club Members not to park in the Hotel Yard on Saturdays whilst they are out fishing or working over on the Island.

Bill Larkin had the bad luck to find his boat freed from its mooring and much damage done, so members, be wise

and put a chain and padlock on your boat.

The outside painting of the Club House has now been completed.

Mrs. C. Watt is now out of St. Georges Hospital and was seen on the Island on Sunday. Members are pleased to see you about again Nell, and hope you have a speedy recovery and congratulate you both on your 25th Anniversary on the 12th October.

At the last General Meeting our Commodore gave a display of a new Club Jacket, that he had tailored to measure. If any member is interested in one the Tailor will come along and take measurements, the cost of the jacket is £11.0.0. plus pocket 17/6d extra.

A member was seen to take a shower under the hose on the Island, must have been cold seeing he didn't bother to take his clothes off, old enough to know better Jim!

Members will be pleased to hear that we have three Members, Dick, Charlie and John learning to judge for Miss Australia contest, the first lesson took place last Wednesday on the Island when the six Models arrived. (Yes all in Bikinis) but in learning the finer points of judging you cannot speak to the Models, you just look through the windows. John had to bring Wife and Auntie down for a run, so could not do much judging.

I think this painting is going to be a long job.

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Please take note that there is not a general meeting held on November 2nd. Cup Night, but all roll up the following Tuesday, November 9th.

Don't forget to come along to a wonderful Smoke Night on Friday November the 5th. Tickets 25/-. - To be held at Parkers Road Hall, Parkers Road, Parkdale. (near Station).

The Annual Ball held in the Mentone Town Hall on October the 8th was a great success, there was a good attendance and a good time was had by all. One hundred and seventytwo being the number who attended.

Congratulations to Robert Arthur on attaining his majority.

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DATES TO REMEMBER:

Social at Clubhouse - October 30th 1965.

Smoke Night -
Parkers Rd. Hall, Parkdale. November 5th 1965.

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH:

"O God, thy sea is
so great and my
boat is so small."

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EDITORIAL: Members can now look forward to some good fishing in the near future. I have full details of the first artificial reef in Victoria from the Fisheries & Wildlife Dept. This reef should be of great interest to a number of organisations and individuals. During October some 300 odd big concrete pipes, the biggest about 8 feet long and 4 feet in diameter slid down through the waters of Port Phillip Bay to form the first artificial reef or "fish shelter" in Victoria.

They have been dumped around a bouyed position, so that the reef will present the maximum surface, to provide shelter and feeding places for the fish. The pipes weighing 412 tons took more than two days to place in position with the "Wongala" a trading vessel plying between Melbourne and New Zealand acting as carrier. Strong winds on the first day made conditions difficult. It is well known that reefs attract fish by offering food and shelter, for example there is evidence of improvement around old wrecks in the Bay. The idea of providing such shelter places artificially is not new and has been used in America and elsewhere overseas for a number of years. In Victoria this project has been under consideration since 1960, at first dumping of old car bodies was suggested, however, the life of car bodies under salt water is comparatively short, and as the main part of the cost is transport charges, the pipes form a more permanent structure. The pipes used are defective in some way which makes them unuseable for their original purpose, but in no way detracts from their usefulness as a shelter for fish. Finance has not been available for this project until this year, although the position for the reef was determined several years ago as a result of the underwater ecological survey of the Bay carried out jointly by the Department and the National Museum, with the assistance of the Underwater Divers and Explorers Club. This survey showed too, that most natural reefs in the Bay are generally fairly smooth and provide little shelter for

fish. The area chosen for this first reef has a floor of mud and is comparatively barren of fish, the main purpose will be to attract and concentrate the fish into the area and will eventually build up fish stocks and thus improve catches for fishermen.

This reef is a pilot project which will be of greatest benefit to the amateur fisherman because of its restricted size. The reef covers approximately one quarter of an acre, it is just on the 10 fathom line, 5 miles due south of Ricketts Point and 4.3 miles from Mordialloc pier light. 48 feet of water covers the reef at low tide. It is marked with a 300 gallon barrel buoy painted with red and yellow vertical stripes. The position can be given as 400 yards due south from the present buoy.

Members please take notice that Santa is just around the corner and the Children's Party is on December 12th at 2.30 p.m. Come along, bring your own children or someone else's, and enjoy the fun. The idea is for you to bring along a small gift wrapped, with the child's name clearly written on the outside, for each child you bring along. Ice Cream, drinks, sweets, etc. will be supplied free.

Santa will arrive at 3 p.m. sharp by boat, so do be on the Island about 2.30 p.m. The ladies are invited to bring along a plate for Afternoon Tea for the Adults. Tea will be supplied by the Club.

Be in the Raffle for the huge Xmas Stocking. Mrs. R. White and Mrs. J. Smith have done a wonderful job, filling it with gifts to the approximate value of £15.0.0.

Would any Member wanting to dispose of brick bats or old concrete, please let the Secretary know, as we want same for the new part of the Island wall.

The Smoke Night held on November 5th was a huge success with an attendance of approximately 90. Some of our Members acted as Stewards and gain 100% marks for the wonderful job they did. The speeches were well handled, the catering well done, and the artist good, so a good time was had by all.

Tom Grayson has started a drilling service, Guaranteed to drill any size round hole to any shape. Don't think you will do too good Tom unless you improve.

This Cap again that the Member wore to Adelaide, would the owner please make claim within 14 hours or the taker claims it as his own.

Jim Smith seems to have started something by going to Hospital; as now we have quite a list of members wives who have been in Hospital and now out. Christine Blackmore, Hazel Dixon, Rita Evans, Ruby Bowman, to these good people Members wish them well in the future years.

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DATES TO REMEMBER:

Social at Clubhouse.	November 27th.	8 P.M.
Childrens' Xmas Party.	December 12th.	2.30 P.M.
Christmas Social at Clubhouse.	December 18th.	8 P.M.

Thought for the Month.

"Man is the only creature endowed with the power
of laughter."

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