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EDITORIAL: PETROL HAZARDS.

A cupful of spilled petrol, heavy atmospheric conditions after intermittent rain, plus an electrical spark, were the perfect ingredients which caused the violent explosion on board a cabin cruiser moored in Mordialloc Creek at the rear of the Bridge Hotel on the afternoon of Saturday, February 3rd. The force of the blast hurled the occupants of the boat, through the air and into the creek. The two, a young man of 24 and a girl of 20 were severely burned over 50 percent of their bodies. They were rushed to the Alfred Hospital where they were admitted in a serious condition. As this report is being compiled (8/2/73) hospital reports, condition satisfactory. One of the first helpers to reach the scene was apparently Chris, of the Red Line Hire Boats, whom most of us know, (and who is never backward in coming forward to help folk in trouble). He was in the water fully clothed (having swum the creek) helping the injured, when our own Bruce Parry got to the spot. Bruce, who had been working on his boat in No. 2 slipway, grabbed one of the Club's extinguishers and was there almost as soon as Chris. Fortunately the boat did not catch fire. On this occasion it was not a Club member's boat, but similar accidents in recent memory have happened to no less than three of our craft, in two cases completely burning them and in the third case, the fire being subdued by sheer weight of numbers, the crew of five, all hefty blokes using everything in reach, even their hats to pour a large portion of our Bay on to the blaze. In the two instances referred to, where the boats were completely destroyed, only one man was on board, but fortunately, both managed to get their ships close to shore before leaping into the water. Now what should we learn from all this?

First, any petrol, no matter how small a quantity, if spilt, should be wiped up and the area doused with a wet mop. Secondly, if there is water in the bilge near a petrol spill, pump it overboard before starting the "Donk". Thirdly, under no circumstances use plastic tubing for fuel lines. We repeat, don't use plastic tubing for fuel lines. Metal tubing is best but we understand nylon is acceptable.

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH saw the start of the sporting events for the year when three time trials were conducted. They were the J. Smith Memorial Trophy, the "Naiad" Trophy, and the "Stirrer" Trophy. Actually the way the day turned out, it could have been called the "Drought Breaking Regatta". Gee, did it rain? However, the events went on in pouring rain with most competitors looking much like the proverbial drowned rats. In fact it appeared that in some of the open boats the driest part would have been down under the keel. Despite the elements there was a remarkable turn out of boats, and this must be gratifying to the Race Officials. All three events were won by the redoubtable "Javelin" with Ken Clayton at the controls and wife Sue navigating. Zero loss of points in each race by this combination points the way to what others will be up against in the battle for aggregate points. Results like this indicate clearly a complete knowledge of their boat's capabilities plus impeccable timekeeping. Other placegetters in the three events were :-

J. Smith Memorial Trophy - 2nd D. Jones,  
3rd E. Underdown.

"Naiad" Trophy - 2nd W. Wright, 3rd V. Bromage.

"Stirrer" Trophy - 2nd B. Glenister, 3rd E. Underdown.  
Aggregate points to date, not known.

WHALLEY CUP 1973: This year's Whalley Cup for which we are the host Club, will be held at the Sandringham Yacht Club on Saturday, March 17th (St. Patrick's Day). Entry Forms are now available at our Clubrooms. There are two starting points for this event, either Sandringham or Royal Vic. at Williamstown. After the race lunch will

be served at Sandy, the charge for which is \$2 per head. Drinks may be bought at the bar, and it is necessary for skippers to indicate on their entry forms how many will be needing the mid-day meal.

NAUTICAL QUIZ: You all know what an anchor is and what it is used for, but do you know what an anker is, and what it is used for? ANSWER ON BACK PAGE.

A VERY BEAUTIFUL SAMPLE of the Shipwright's Art in the shape of a ship's steering wheel was presented to our Club at our ~~last~~ meeting by Reg Cox. Reg who is a Master Shipwright employed by the Marine Branch of the P.W.D. had the job of preparing the barge "Uralba" to be sunk by the Fisheries and Game Dept. alongside the artificial reef off Carrum on 6/11/71. However, before sending "Uralba" to her watery grave, Reg took the opportunity to remove one of her large ironbark bollards, and it is from this unseemingly hunk of timber that this beautiful eight spoked, brass-hobbed wheel evolved. The highly polished wheel is to be mounted in a prominent position in our Clubroom where it is sure to be admired by all who may be privileged to see it. A sincere thank you, Reg for this lovely example of a true craftsman creation. Of course as this description of the steering wheel will be mostly read by seafaring folk, or at least boating enthusiasts, there will be no need to explain why a ship's wheel should have either eight, sixteen, or thirty-two spokes, according to the size of the wheel, nor should it be necessary to point out why in small craft the steering wheel should be mounted on the port side of the boat, and ~~N~~ on the starboard side as we so often see. We know that you know, but are you sure?

SUPPER DANCE: Our Social Secretary, Don Jones, has lined up another of his popular Party Night Supper Dances for Saturday Night, Feb. 24th. Those of you who have not yet enjoyed one of these functions are missing a treat. All patrons are seated at tables but as space is limited it is necessary to book with Don in advance. Charge is five dollars a double and you bring you own liquor. A splendid supper is provided, and for this next occasion Don tells me he has engaged a new band of the non-deafening breed. If you are looking for a good inexpensive night, contact Don

right away. As we are limited to between 80 and 90 people. Don's phone No. is 90-4583.

ANSWER TO NAUTICAL QUIZ: An anker is something that is found on every British Warship from the days of Sir Francis Drake to the present time. It is the keg or barrel which holds the rum, which is commonly referred to as "Nelson's Blood" by the sailors, when they line up for their issue after the captain has given the order, "Splice the Main Brace".

CHEMICAL LIGHTING: What next will the back room boys come up with? At our last meeting we were treated to a most remarkable demonstration of what is described as chemical lighting. Briefly, it consists of a flexible, transparent tube, about five inches long by about one inch diameter. This tube is partly filled with some liquid, and of course is sealed at both ends. However, inside this flexible tube is a small diameter glass tube, also sealed and apparently filled with some special gas. Now if, and when, the flexible tube is bent "banana wise" sufficiently to fracture the inner glass tube, hey presto, the whole business immediately lights up in a powerful pale green light and keeps alight for, we were assured, at least 24 hours. There is no heat generated, and you can hold it in your hand quite safely. In our demonstration the hall lights were turned off but the glow from this device lit up the entire hall and was still going for its life one hour later when your Editor decided to call it a day. The mind boggles at the possibilities of this thing. Imagine it fixed to a life jacket, or tied to a boat hook and held aloft at night in case of trouble. Every boat should have a couple. They will store indefinitely. At one dollar each it is a steal. Our Club will possibly have them for sale very shortly. Our demonstrator, Ken Clayton.

COMING EVENTS:

Fishing Competition between our Club and Mordialloc Boat Owners' Association, March 3rd. See Dave Moate.

Whalley Cup at Sandringham, March 17th. Lunch \$2 per head.

Isle of Mordialloc Cup, April 15th.

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EDITORIAL: E.P.A. TAKES CHARGE.

On Thursday, March 1st, Victoria's Environment Protection Authority assumed full powers for the control of pollution in water, air, and on land. Well this organization will certainly find plenty of opportunities to show its teeth in the Mordialloc district alone, especially as regards the bacteria laden creek. As we have already pointed out in this journal, no less than 22,800 cubic metres of "treated" sewerage is poured into our creek per day, from Braeside and Heatherton Sewerage Works. One cannot help wondering if these Works will be allowed to continue this practice, or will they be brought to heel? No doubt, being controlled by Semi-Government Authorities (M.M.B.W.) some excuse will be trotted out, hopefully to silence Health Department Officials, and complaining boat owners. Unfortunately, too often when Governments have to deal with their own offending Departments they have a habit of "sooling" on bulldogs fitted with rubber teeth.

Sunday, February 24th, saw the creek just about as low as it can get. Two hours after "high" tide most of the boats around the island were high and dry with thick black ooze completely surrounding them. Bill and Ann Lipscombe prepared to go for a run on the bay, but the motor just could not move the boat. Its a bit hot having to pay \$20 per year for a mooring, which so often is just a spread of mud. Only four years ago our creek was dredged at great cost from the road bridge to the mouth, and thus giving all boats plenty of water beneath their keels. Now the same process is to begin all over again, in April we are told. Surely some person in authority can see the folly of attacking the problem in this manner. Prevention is better than cure.

GRIST TO THE MILL: On a recent Sunday, a lovely carton of home grown vegetables from the garden of Geoff Collings ("Little Sport" to you) was raffled at the Club. Lucky Don Jones had the winning ticket and carted off the prize of tomatoes, silver and red beet, beans, etc., etc. Club coffers gained \$9.60 from the effort. As the monkey said as he threw a peanut to the starving hippopotamus, "every little helps". Thanks Geoff.

ISLE OF MORDIALLOC: This year our annual "Isle of Mordialloc" event will be held on Sunday, April 15th and entry forms will be available at any time now. Previously, we have always acted the perfect host, supplying luncheon and liquid refreshment free of charge. Alas, inflation has now caught up with us, and like all kindred Clubs we are compelled to make a charge for lunch and ask members and visitors to B.Y.O.L. However, this year we are letting our hair down to the extent that china plates will be used instead of cardboard ones. As you line up for lunch you will receive a plate, knife and fork, a slab of steak, a couple of snags, and a hamburger. Then you will proceed to a row of barbecues already sizzling hot, and cook your own. Fresh buttered bread, potato salad, rice salad, and greens, will be served by our very capable ladies committee as you file past. Either tea or coffee will be there for the asking. Now all this for the very modest price of \$1.50. What more could one ask for? Alice Arthur, the wife of our Commodore, has called a meeting of ladies who can help with the serving, etc. on the day. This meeting is for the afternoon of Sunday, March 18th. All ladies are welcome to attend and any help offered will be much appreciated. There will be much to discuss and a lot of organizing to be arranged.

SO YOU WANT TO BE A FIRST CLASS WAITER, do you? Well, if so, who better to teach you than our own Commodore, Mr. Chas. Arthur? Entertaining guests during the Xmas holidays somewhere down the Peninsula, Charlie, in one of his frenzied bursts of energy, decided to assist at the evening meal by serving the dessert

which happened to be cantaloupe topped up with cream and icecream. Stepping down from the caravan to the dining annex with three dishes in each hand in the very best Savoy Hotel style our Charles had cause to remember that old saying "There is many a slip, twix the cup and the lip". Yes, you've guessed it. He dumped the lot. Everyone enjoyed it, including the ants around the camp.

NEWS FROM OUR HANDICAPPER: The results of the two events held on February 18th is as follows. In the "Sea Drift" Trophy there were two equal first places, E. Underdown and Bar (Glenister, whilst K. Clayton was third. In the "Norma" Trophy, precisely the same boats filled the same placings. The day was hot and muggy and the number of competing boats dropped quite a bit. With a view to making the events more attractive to the slower craft, it is intended to put on a few novelty events which will not unduly rely on speed. More later.

NAUTICAL QUIZ: Most of you married blokes would know what a rolling pin is, seeing as how you probably have had to dodge a few in your life. But what are "THOLE PINS" and where would you look for them. ANSWER BACK PAGE.

OUR LIQUOR PERMIT: Once again we find it necessary to remind members and visitors of the very strict hours we are limited to as regards drinking in the clubhouse or on the island. In the middle of the day the time is from noon to 2.30 p.m., and later in the day from 4.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. If you must drink outside these hours, do so on board your boat and thus keep us within the law.

MOOMBA ESCAPADE: At least one member of our Club in the person of Arch Muscat has good cause to remember Moomba 1973. Arch was sitting quietly in his boat at the Henley staging watching the events, when his craft was barged into amidships by another boat thereby suffering severe damage. The fact that the offender was a member of the much publicised Australian Volunteer Coastguard did nothing to soften the blow and leads one to the belief that this Organization's advertised boat handling lessons ought to begin right on their own doorstep.

ANSWER TO NAUTICAL QUIZ: "THOLE PINS" are wooden pegs in the gunwale of a boat, serving as fulcrum for the oar. These have been in use for centuries and are much preferred to rowlocks even today, by Greek and Italian Fishermen the world over.

FISHING COMPETITION IN CONJUNCTION WITH MORDIALLOC BOAT OWNERS' ASSOCIATION: This event was carried out on Saturday, March 3rd, when our Club won the competition for the heaviest fish caught. A very nice trophy in the shape of a rod and reel, donated by R.W. Stewart, was won by Richard Malcolm and greatly appreciated. Bait was supplied free to all entrants by G. Mowling & Son. To wind up the day a further competition was held to see which team from both Organizations could consume glasses of liquid in the quickest possible time. This turned out to be a draw and no doubt will require a play-off at some future date. Cnr. Peter Scullan of Mordialloc Council presented the trophies. Everyone agreed that it was an excellent day and we should have more of them.

RESULTS OF THE THREE EVENTS HELD ON MARCH 4TH:

In the W. Evans Crew Member's Trophy, Naiad came 1st, Vixen 2nd, and Orala 3rd. Maveric Trophy - 1st Javelin, 2nd was Tambo, and 3rd Knapp. Tambo Trophy - 1st Naiad, 2nd Orala, equal 3rd Maveric and Worrane.

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH: Do not believe that men don't make passes at girls who wear glasses. It all depends on the frame.

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EDITORIAL: If Autumn is here, can Winter be far behind? The answer to this question of course, is an emphatic no. Therefore with one month of Autumn already gone, and still no sign of any move by the responsible Authority to get on with the dredging of Mordialloc Creek, makes one wonder what is the holdup? Reports of \$75,000 having been allocated for this job, plus newspaper headlines of dredges being laid up because of lack of work, help to create the impression that there is a lot of truth in the old saying "That too many cooks spoil the broth". According to the local Mordialloc paper "The News", a fight is looming as to which Authority is going to control the creek. At present the Mordialloc Council is the Committee of Management of the creek, but it appears that a move is afoot to pass control to the Dandenong Valley Authority. This move of course will be hotly contested by Council because if only on account of the money angle. Mooring fees of \$20 a booper year must account for a pretty fair revenue, but what advantage do boat owners derive from this? At the moment the average size boat is confined to its moorings for 12 hours out of 24 simply because of lack of water, and when you reckon that most of our boating is confined to daylight hours and to 2½ hours before and after high tide, you begin to realize that we are getting a pretty raw deal. So who controls the creek is not the important question. The question is, who will dredge the creek, and WHEN? As far as mooring fees go, and who is to collect them, the choice for boatowners is similar to that which confronted the writer of this article many years ago whilst shopping in Columbo, for some small souvenir. A notice on the door of the small shop said, "Don't

go in next door to be robbed, come in here!"

HE WHO LAUGHS LAST ..... Sunday, March 24th was just another of those perfect Autumn days. Not a ripple on the bay, and with all Club boats hard and fast in their moorings surrounded by black oozy mud. Skippers were sitting about the island, poking fun at hapless individuals stuck fast in the middle of the creek with no hope of getting ashore until the tide had made a bit, when over our bridge strolled Bernie Rawnsley loaded down with fishing gear plus a fish box, the biggest ever seen on the island. Amidst loud guffaws from the assembled idlers who wanted to know where he thought he was going, Bernie explained he had arranged to go out for an afternoon's fishing with Vern Dalton and family. Assured he would never get out, our "Bern" said they would "give it a go" if and when Vern and family arrived, which they did about a half hour later. By this time the tide had improved slightly and with the aid of Bernie's powerful diesel they were water borne in no time and on the way down to the green tower near Chelsea. First obstacle overcome. So the boat is lined up with the two telegraph poles behind the red roof with the tall chimney, (you know the drill) and over goes the "pick". Second obstacle. No bait. Vern forgot to pick it up. So up anchor, and over to another boat to beg a couple of small "flatties". Then to the business. And did they hook them? When they got back to the creek about 6 p.m. the bottom of that huge box was completely covered with good sized "Frogs". So you see there are times when it does pay to have a go, you mug.

NAUTICAL QUIZ: There are many kinds of pots. You will find pots in the public bars of hotels, you will find them in kitchens the world over. You can still find them in the bedrooms of some of our older country hotels. All these pots are for a very definite purpose. But what is a try-pot and where would you expect to find it. Careful now. ANSWER ON BACK PAGE.

CATERING ARRANGEMENTS, ISLE OF MORDIALLOC, APRIL 15TH.  
Here again are the catering arrangements for the Isle of Mordialloc event on Sunday, April 15th 1973. The meal

will be style, a' la' barbeque. On payment of \$1.50 you will receive a slab of steak, two sausages, two hamburgers, a plate, knife and fork, and the use of several barbeques. You do your own cooking. A limited number of cooking utensils will be available, but if you are one of those people who cannot wait their turn, we suggest you bring your own gear. Apart from tea or coffee no other drink will be provided. Fresh buttered bread, and ample supplies of potato and rice salad will be served, these latter dishes prepared by members of the ladies committee who of course will be reimbursed for any expense incurred on the Club's behalf. We expect our biggest headache to be, to find out how many of our own members, NOT competing in the race will front up for luncheon. So if you are one of these, please let our Secretary, Ross White, know as soon as possible to enable quantities to be obtained.

SOCIAL NEWS: Although the numbers were down slightly from some of our previous socials, everyone voted the "do" on Saturday, March 31st, a great success. This was the first occasion when supper was not provided by the Club but each lady brought a plate. The band was especially good and played particularly nice dance time. Next social, April 28th, just one week after Easter will be a Party Night. A wonderful supper will be supplied. Admittance five dollars per double and B.Y.O.L. Come along and make it a night. Book with Don Jones.

49th ANNUAL WHALLEY CUP: The 49th Annual Whalley Cup was contested on Saturday, March 17th. The morning at first was perfect, but by 10 a.m. it was blowing a hard northerly and definitely the type of weather to suit big deep keeler boats. We watched the race through very powerful binoculars from Green Point, Brighton Beach, a high vantage spot giving a commanding view of 90% of the race, and it was just a shame to see what some of the smaller craft were suffering. However as events turned out it was NOT the weather for big boats, as first place went to Ken Clayton's "Javelin" and the team's prize also went to M.M.Y.C.

whose three boats, Ken's "Javelin", Eric Underdown's "Naiad" and John Daniel's "Hatari", all come under the heading of small boats. The winner put up the unbelievable performance of losing only  $9\frac{1}{2}$  points for the whole distance of no less than 21.96 nautical miles and in conditions that can only be described as awful. This report would be incomplete if we did not give a generous measure of applause to Javelin's navigator Sue Clayton. Well done, Sue. Final result - first "Javelin" M.M.Y.C., second "Hunter" S.Y.C., third "Fortuna" R.V.M.Y.C.

TEAMS RACE - 1st M.M.Y.C. (Javelin  $9\frac{1}{2}$  points lost, "Naiad"  $52\frac{1}{2}$  points lost, "Hatari"  $30\frac{1}{2}$  points lost - total  $92\frac{1}{2}$  points lost). 2nd R.V.M.Y.C. (Leand 72 points lost, "Fortuna" 23 points lost, "Julie" 123 points lost - total 218 points lost). 3rd S.Y.C. ("Tainui" 103 points lost, "Hunter" 20 $\frac{1}{2}$  points lost, "Skipper" 110 points lost - total 233 $\frac{1}{2}$  points lost).

ANSWER TO NAUTICAL QUIZ: No, a try-pot is not what you first thought. It is a large metal pot, one of many found beneath the flensing deck of a whaling factory ship. As the blubber is flensed from the carcass of the whale it is slid through slots in the deck into the try-pots below.

HAZARDS OF THE ROAD: Friends of Bill Evans, (and they are legion) will be pleased to know that he is now discharged from hospital, but is still attending as an outpatient until further notice. It appears that whilst driving to work recently, Bill stopped behind another car at a pedestrian crossing, when a truck travelling along behind him crashed into the rear of Bill's car forcing a rear end collision with the car in front, thus making Bill's car the "meat in the sandwich". According to eyewitnesses, it is alleged that the driver of the first car leapt from his vehicle and savagely attacked Bill who still had not alighted from his car. The assault on Bill necessitated a stay in hospital to have broken facial bones reset and eye damage seen to. The irony of this story is that whilst Bill's car came off badly damaged, neither the truck nor the first car were knocked about, and no one was hurt by the actual accident.

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH: To bring up the modern youngster properly, it is best to start at the bottom.

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EDITORIAL: THE ISLE OF MORDIALLOC.

Well, what a beauty!! Sunday, April 15th, turned out to be a slightly overcast, day with indications of possible light rain, which happily did not eventuate. The sea was moderate and the turn up of visiting boats was exceptionally good. Among our own officials there was a certain amount of anxiety as to how everything would go, because of a totally different style of catering from anything we had previously attempted. This was the much discussed barbeque meal. Surely there are no "Doubting Thomases" left among our members now, as to whether the meal was a success or not? The driving force behind the change was Robert Arthur, ably assisted by his wee Bonnie. Robert ordered the meat, picked it up from the butcher at seven A.M., carted it to Mordialloc, made arrangements for the hire of the gas barbeques, and saw to their transport. Bonnie only had two "littlies" to look after, besides transforming a mountain of minced beefsteak into over 500 hamburgers, and they were good, (the hamburgers I mean). The various salads prepared by the ladies made an excellent addition to the menu, which came in for much praise especially from visitors, one of whom was heard to remark "Gee they know how to turn it on down here". And not only that, for the first time in the 23 years that we have been running the Isle of Mordialloc Cup we were able to prepare the balance sheet in jet black ink, instead of the usual red ink heretofore. And now to the business of the day the nautical event, which took the form of a time trial over a set course which included a secret checkpoint. The check point was manned by Bruce Parry and helpers and the starting and finishing line was between the duty boat and Mordialloc Pier. On board

the duty boat "Lorelei" were Race Secretary, John Daniel and Assistant Race Sec., Mike Murphy and two scrutineers. Skipper of duty boat was Ray Blades. One point was lost for each second any boat was late or early at either start, finish or at check point. The winner was Eric Underdown with a loss of four points, second was Ken Clayton with a loss of six points, third was Bill Wright with a loss of 14 points, fourth was Harold Almond with a loss of 15 points, and the next four places also went to M.M.Y.C. boats. A most comprehensive chart showing the points lost by all competitors is on view at our Club and is a credit to the Race Officials. So all in all it was a wonderful day. To Robert and Bonnie, to our hard working ladies, and our Race Officials and indeed to all our helpers, we extend a hearty vote of thanks for making this a day to remember.

STORK NEWS: If you see a bird walking about the island which looks like a duck but which has very long beak, don't be alarmed. It is not a duck, but a stork with worn down legs. The poor bird has had very little leisure time attending people who live or play in the precincts of our Club.

First he delivered a lovely baby boy, Magnus Peter, to Mrs Margaret Allnut wife of Peter Allnut. Second a beautiful little girl, Kelly Lee, to Joan Whittle (nee Glenister) wife of Warren Whittle. And third a bouncing baby boy, Carter, to Jenny Williams wife of Club member Glen Williams. The very best wishes to all you folk from everyone at the Club.

NEAR TRAGEDY: No doubt you can be lucky, as witness what happened to Vic Bromage on Sunday, April 3th. Vic was out in his practically new boat getting set for the big event on the following Sunday. There was a moderate sloo on and after hitting a small wave, Vic was amazed to find his craft rapidly filling with good old salt water. Fortunately he was not too far out, but by the time he reached the creek entrance she was completely filled. Then started a battle to drag him up the creek with Charlie and Robert Arthur in their boat on one side, Chris from Red Line on the other, and numerous other helpers following up on the stern. We eventually got him

on to the cradle which luckily was empty, only to find that the bottom bondwood sheet had pulled away from what should have been an inner chine but was not. A fine example of the boat builder's art, we don't think. There is still a lot of truth in the old Chinese proverb - "For the seller one eye is sufficient, but for the buyer 100 is not too many".

EASTER ENGAGEMENT: The engagement has been announced of Helen Swift, daughter of Pat and Harold Swift, and Stephen Kerr from N.S.W. Best wishes from all at the Club Helen and Stephen.

LE HELP: Any of you boat owners who have ships tied up alongside the catwalk at the rear of the Bridge Hotel, and who might be getting fed up with being swiped across the "dial" by the overhanging branches of the greenleaf hedge, are reminded that the Club possesses a pair of tree secateurs which may be borrowed at any time. All we ask is that you do not throw any cuttings into the creek.

SOCIAL NEWS: It looks as though Club Party Nights are here to stay. The one held on Saturday, April 28, was a great success and this is good to see, because it is very disheartening for a Social Secretary to see a poor roll up after so much work has been put into a function. Now however with a good band led by a pianist who really does his thing, we look like going ahead. Our next problem will be to enlarge the table seating because at this "do" on the 28th the two Glenister girls, Pat and Pam, who did a fabulous job helping in the kitchen and serving at the tables, found things a trifle crowded, in fact Pat said she thought things were a bit pinched. (We could not find out which bits she meant). Bill Lipscombe had everyone guessing as to who the beautiful blonde was who arrived with him. It turned out to be Anne minus glasses and complete with wig. Bill evened things up by selling everyone a couple of raffle tickets. The next social will be held on Saturday, May 26th. You bring your own supper and pay \$1.00 entrance fee. The Dinner Dance marked on your sporting fixture for

June 30th has been changed to a Party Night, \$5 per double and B.Y.O.L. Get in early, this will be a sell-out. See Don Jones.

NEW BOAT: And a very nice one too. Graham White son of our Secretary, Ross, and Mrs. White, launched his new boat on the morning of April 15th and then proceeded to burn up the water of the bay. This must be one of the fastest boats on the Club register, and is beautifully finished. With a clinker hull and powered with a hotted-up Holden "donk" this boat is likely to make news in the coming season. Good luck, Graham, and congratulations too.

INTERCLUB EVENTS: With a win to Bill Wright and second place to Barry Glenister at the Ricketts Point Regatta held at B.M.Y.C. on Sunday, 29/4/73, this now puts beyond doubt that M.M.Y.C. is the most successful Club around the bay as far as interclub events go for the current season. With only one more race to be decided at S.Y.C. on May 13, our Club cannot be toppled from first place. Our boats this season have won the following cups:- 3/12/72 Henley Cup P.R.M.Y.C. 24/2/73 S.Y.C. 17/3/73 Whalley Cup and teams race. 15/4/73 Isle of Mordialloc Cup. 29/4/73 Ricketts Point Regatta B.Y.M.S. Only two interclub events did not come our way, viz 10/3/73 R.V.M.Y.C. Regatta. 31/3/73 B.P. Investigator Trophy. A very creditable performance for a Club that was once called the phut-phut Club by another organization up the bay.

NEW OFFICE AND COMMITTEE ROOM: A very elegant office and Committee room has now been added to our building. Nicely carpeted, and with a splendid boardroom type table, this is a nice cosy place to thrash out Club business. The window drapes and floor coverings reflect the excellent taste of Mrs. Estie White wife of our Secretary, in such matters.

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH: Among true friends there is no fear of losing ANYTHING.

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# MORDIALLOC MOTOR YACHT CLUB

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EDITORIAL: This month I am sorry to say our Editor, Mr. Richard Blades, is on the sick list, but steadily improving. So if you will bear with me (yours truly Ron Butler), I will endeavour to put an Anchor of a sort together. Having been away for a couple of weeks, I am a bit out of touch with the news, but here goes .....

Congratulations to the skipper of "Javelin" Ken Clayton and his wife Sue for winning the Club aggregate, with second place going to Eric Underdown in "Naiad", and third place going to Barry Glenister in "Glen". Weather-wise we have had a perfect racing season this year, and also interclub-wise we have had a perfect season, our skippers having taken all bar a couple of races, giving us a very good season on the bay indeed. To those skippers who raced but were not so lucky, all the best for next season.

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LOCKS TO THE BRIDGE: This year the locks to the bridge are being changed on Saturday, 30th June. It will, therefore, be necessary for members wishing to gain access to the island and clubhouse on or after that date to personally bring both your present key and subscription to the clubhouse in order to obtain a key to the new locking system. PLEASE NOTE KEYS WILL ONLY BE ISSUED TO FINANCIAL MEMBERS.

DREDGING ABOUT TO START:

At long last the creek is about to be dredged. I noticed they have the boarding up on the north side of the creek ready to pump the muck into. One point of news that we have been worrying about is whether we would have to shift mooring posts like we did the last time the creek was dredged. Well rest in peace, they stay where they are. That will be a relief for quite a few members.

ON THE ISLAND:

Robert Arthur has bought himself a boat, a fast little outboard powered cabin cruiser. Good boating, Bob.

~~They tell me Lee Glenister is off overseas.~~ Bon Voyage to you and your wife.

They also tell me Charlie and Sheila Higginbotham have just returned from overseas. (The life of some people).

It looks like the annual migration is starting for up north. Jack Brown and his wife have gone, next is Bert Bowden and his wife, and they will be followed by a few more.

While up north myself, we stayed a few days with Mervyn and Ruth Brain who, most members know, are now residing at Mt. Gravatt, Queensland. They have just shifted into their new home which is very nice with magnificent views. They are enjoying the climate very much, but miss the Club life.

As I stated before, our Editor is on the sick list. We all wish you a speedy recovery Richard, and look forward to seeing you around the island again.

SLIPWAY NEWS:

Members using the slipway for the next few weeks, please note that Rear Commodore, Dave Moate, will be in charge. Our Slipway Master, Bert Bowden, is about to start his annual pilgrimage up north. So anyone booked to slip their boat, please contact Dave (90-6157).

While on the subject of the slipway, you may have noticed it has been cleaned up, so let's keep it that way. When you have finished working on your boat, spend a short time to clean up your rubbish.

SOCIAL NEWS:

For all you members who don't know, we will be losing our Social Secretary, Don Jones and his wife Faye. Don and Faye will be going on the inactive list as they have bought a milk bar and will not be able to find the time as before. Don even had to sell his boat, for it would not be getting the use any more. (Bet that hurt Don). Anyway, I know all the members will join with me in wishing you and Faye all the best in your new venture. Don will still be running this month's Party Night though.

PARTY NIGHT AT THE CLUBHOUSE - 30TH JUNE:

This month is a Party Night once again, and as all the members who attend will tell you, are a must. Good tucker, good music, good company, all lend to a very enjoyable evening. So come along and have some fun. Admittance \$5.00 a double. B.Y.O.L. Please note that no children are allowed on these nights. For bookings, please ring our Social Secretary, Don Jones (90-4583). Remember to book early to save disappointment.

PAN FRY LUNCHEON, 12.30 P.M., SUNDAY, 17TH JUNE:

These days are one of the most popular on our social calendar. For the newer members who might not know how they run - well your wife brings along her favourite casserole dish to the Club, and then with many others they are all heated. All the food is then set up smorgasbord style, and boy what a feed. Everybody helps themselves. Come along and you will see what I mean, and ladies you might find some new recipes.

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH:

The way to wine out a friendship is to sponge on it.

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EDITORIAL: PROMISES, PROMISES, PROMISES.

We refer of course to the non appearance of the promised dredge to undertake the cleaning up of Mordialloc Creek. At time of writing, 2/7/73, the only sign of any activity is the erection of a rather unsightly iron fence surrounding part of the car park on the northern side of the creek bank. This fenced off area is ostensibly to receive any mullock dredged from the creek and which is then allowed to settle and drain before being carted away and sold for garden loam. However for a job that was said to be scheduled for an autumn start and now we are into the month of July, and seeing as how the money for the job is already allotted, and the dredges are reported to being laid up for want of work, we are left with four possible explanations, these are -

1. The authorities have got their seasons of the year mixed up, 2. Or, they may have meant autumn 1974, or, 3. It was all just a State election promise after all, or 4. Maybe they're just dragging their feet. Take your pick.

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Well now, we always were of the opinion that pier fishermen were a rather stolid and hardy breed, but events of recent weeks have caused us to alter our views somewhat, at least as far as one of these gentry are concerned. You will agree that in the first few days of June this year we had some really cold days, with the thermometer going as low as 1.5 celsius on some occasions, and no doubt you will also agree that the seaward end of Mordialloc Pier would not be the warmest spot on such a day. However if you are

really keen on fishing, the cold does not mean a thing, you just pack up your gear and get going. Now, included in your gear, should be a firepot like you see these chaps using when repairing burst pipes in the roadway, a small tomahawk, and some firewood. Our fisherman friend had all these ingredients bar the firewood. Nothing daunted, he set to work with his sharp little axe and in no time at all he had hacked a nice pile of red gum chunks from one of the new bollards recently installed on the pier by the P.W.D. for the use of dredges (if any) and at a cost of 500 dollars a pop. He soon had a merry blaze going when along came the law, alerted by a more socially minded citizen than the fisherman. The next exciting episode of this drama will be played in the Mordialloc Courtroom any day now.

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The last day of June 1973 was an unlucky one for Ken Clayton. Ken was out on the bay putting "Javelin" through her oars when he noticed a large log of wood on the surface dead ahead. With smart action on his part that log was avoided, but unfortunately another semi-submerged monster was right in the path of his new course. The resultant collision did severe damage to the underwater section of his outboard leg. You can be unlucky. After all there are 750 square miles in our bay.

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SOCIAL NEWS: Another very successful Party Night was held at the club on Saturday, June 30th, with good music, good supper, and a happy crowd of dancers. The band as usual was in excellent form, even playing on beyond their allotted time. We did hear a rumor that some orange cordial drinkers had their beverage laced with something stronger than lemonade, but we lack proof of this. John Daniel did a very capable job of M/C. John, whose phone number is 546 4416 is presently taking the bookings for the Dinner Dance to be held at the club on Saturday, July 28th. On this night Councillor Alan Whalley, the Lord Mayor of Melbourne, will present the trophies won by the winners and placegetters in both

the Whalley Cup and the Isle of Mordilloc events. The usual conditions will apply, viz \$5 per double and B.Y.O.L. A good night is guaranteed.

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Only about one third of our members have so far changed their old key to the bridge and clubhouse. If you happen to be unable to get along to the island this cold weather you may post your old key together with your annual fee to the Secretary and your new key will be mailed by return post.

WARNING: That row of sharp spikes on the top of the bridge gate was put there deliberately so as to tear the "rompers" of gate climbers.

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Our base wireless installation proved its worth on Saturday, June 30th, when a message came crackling over the air to say Ken Clayton was in trouble after hitting submerged timber off Chelsea. In no time help was on the way in the person of Hal Almond in his craft "Stirrer". With Ken in tow both were soon back in the creek and "Javelin" safely sitting on cradle of No. 2 slioway.

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OVERHEARD AT LAST GENERAL MEETING. Someone trying to describe the bridge on a ship, "You know, that veranda where the captain sits, in front of the chimneys". Veranda? Captain sits? Chimneys? Ye Gods, what next??

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NEW MEMBER: At our last meeting Robert Woollet was admitted as a full member and we hope his stay with us will be long and enjoyable. Bob has no boat at present but expects to rectify that position shortly.

NEXT MEETING on August 7th is Nomination Night for all officers for the ensuing year. If you are desirous of having your name proposed for any position, you should be a financial member and you must be at the meeting or have signified your intention in writing to the Secretary beforehand, and remember all positions

demand a slice of your spare time and a fair amount of dedication to the Club.

OBITUARY: It is with regret that we have to announce the death recently of Andy Taylor who had been a member of our Club for some years. Andy was very well liked by all who knew him and his passing is a sad blow to all. Our sympathies to his sorrowing relatives.

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Recently Ken Riddell decided to show some friends the pleasures of sailing. However with the boat stuck hard in the mud Ken decided to shove her off with the boat hook. Well you know how that mud sticks, yes into the drink he went. Quickly changing his "wets" for some "drys" they headed for the bay, only to find the bay coming in to meet them through a faulty stern gland. All hands to the ooms. Anyone for tennis?

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DATES TO REMEMBER:

September 9th - Don Jones Car Outing will be as programmed to be run by Robert Arthur.

September 29th - Night at Clubhouse to take the form of Old Time Dance Night. Professional dancers will be there to instruct and assist in the dances.

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THANKS: Many thanks to those friends who have called to see me or 'phoned up. It is due to them that I have been able to record in this edition of "Anchor" most of the tid-bits herein. Especial thanks to Ron Butler for taking over the editing of June issue at such short notice.

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THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH:

Friends in need are friends indeed.

R.E.B.

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NOMINATION OF OFFICERS: At our last General Meeting held on Tuesday, August 7th, nominations from those willing to accept office for the next twelve months were received. In only two instances will an election be necessary. These are for the positions of Rear Commodore (two nominations), and for crew representative on the Executive Committee (three nominations).

Here then, is the list of nominations accepted:-

Commodore: Vic Bromage. Vice Commodore: Dave Meate.  
Rear Commodore: Barry Glenister and John Daniel.  
Secretary/Treasurer: Ross White. Assistant Sec.:  
Eric Underdown. Social Secretary: Barry Glenister.  
Master of Ceremonies: John Daniel. Editor of  
Anchor: Glen Williams. Sloopway Master: Bert Bowden.  
Race Secretary: Eric Underdown. Assistant Race  
Secretary: Jack Brown. Executive Committee:  
C. Arthur, V. Dalton, J. Daniel, R. Butler, J. Brown  
and J. Strauch. Crew Member on Committee: Roger  
Pasmyth, Bill Evans and Bruce Langstroth.

In the case of the two positions requiring elections, these will be decided by secret ballot. Voting is confined to financial full members who must be in personal attendance at the Annual Meeting on Sept. 4th. Proxy votes are not allowed under the Club Constitution.

ALONG THE WATER FRONT: Well at long last the dredge has started work in the creek, thus very effectively putting an end to one of my favourite whinges. However, as the old saying goes, what you lose on the

swings you make up on the round-abouts, for the material being dredged from the creek has given me a further bellyache. This takes the form of a great heap of scallop shells apparently dumped overboard after the boats come in after the day's work. Why these blokes can't use a bit of common sense beats me. Surely it would be a simple job to rebag the shells, and then dump them on the reef next time out. This way they would do some good. Perhaps a diplomatic word from one of our officials to Bill Watts would be sufficient to put an end to this stupid practice, and failing that, a blast to Mordialloc Council would certainly get results.

THE TOWER, one mile off shore down Edithvale way, now has a flashing light mounted on top. The light flashes on for one half of a second, and then off for four and a half seconds.

"SEA BUNT" the boat previously owned by Cliff Waymouth has been sold to new member Bob Wollert. Bob in company with Ray Blades worked on the engine and finally got it started, and promptly took it out for a run. Next trip will be on to the slipway where the cabin is to be removed.

MERV BRAIN'S old boat has been sold also. New owner is a Mr. De-Jong. Mr. De-Jong is not, as yet, a member of the Club, although years ago we did have someone of that name on our register.

PERSONAL:

Those of you who love to see justice done (and who doesn't?) will rejoice with me about the outcome of an incident described in the "Anchor" of April this year. You may remember how we described a savage attack on Bill Evans whilst he was sitting in his car after being pushed into the rear of another vehicle in front of him. The hot tempered driver of the front car then proceeded without warning to belt into Bill inflicting severe facial damage which necessitated a stay in hospital. The hot tempered driver has since been given time to cool off, twelve months in fact in one of HER MAJESTY'S Gaols. Not enough, methinks.

ERIC UNDERDOWN AND WIFE MARGE will be leaving by jumbo jet for Germany and other parts of the Continent later this month on a business trip on behalf of Eric's firm. They expect to be away about five weeks. Try and do the trip on the Rhine Eric, and have a good look at the "Lorelei". That's where the unclothed young lady "sits on her golden throne combing her golden locks with a golden comb". Half your luck, Eric.

HAD A NICE LONG TALK over the 'phone with Don Jones the other day. Don had just got home from a few days stay in St. Andrews Hospital, East Melbourne, where he underwent a small operation. Nothing serious but he was glad to be home nevertheless. Don is tickled pink with his new business venture, says its much better serving out icecream, milk, bread, etc., than clearing other people's drains and guttering. Good luck, Don.

WRITING ABOUT ICECREAM reminds me that Ken Clayton is anxious to obtain a quantity of empty half gallon plastic icecream containers. You know the kind we mean. Most folk think they are too good to toss out, and keep on hoarding them up until they become a nuisance. If you are one of these, what about bringing them down to the Club where Ken will collect them and in return will donate the sum of two cents each to the Club coffers. Possibly you may think the return is very little, but don't forget it is more than twice what you get for empty beer bottles, and anyhow remember what the monkey said as he stood on the bridge at midnight - "EVERY LITTLE HELPS".

THE DINNER DANCE AT THE CLUB ON 28TH JULY was a great success with official guests showing much reluctance to leave for home until long past midnight. The band as usual was "beaut" and one of the highlights of the night was the very capable handling of the catering, and table service by the Glenister girls Pam and Pat, ably assisted by Helen and Rodney Swift and Helen's fiance Stephen Kerr. We are indeed fortunate to have folk like these, ready to step into the breach whilst we await the appointment of our next Social Secretary.

SATURDAY, 25TH AUGUST, is our next social, and on this night besides the presentation of Club Trophies, there will be demonstrations of old time dances. On this night also, which will be the last official function to be hosted by Commodore Charles Arthur and his lady, the opportunity will be taken to thank officers and members for the help and support extended to them during their three years of office.

CAR RALLY: Join in the Car Rally on September 9th. This is being run by Robert Arthur on Don Jones behalf, and if you remember the last Isle of Mordialloc day, you can bet your sox this will be as well organized. Bring the kids, they can help find the clues. There will be barbeque facilities at lunch stop. Total distance approx. 30 miles. Starting point corner of Wellington and Blackburn Roads opposite Clayton Drive-in at 10 a.m. Be in it and try and win it.

THANKS: Thanks are herewith extended to Ken Clayton and Jack Baker for their help to Secretary Ross White in his task of arranging photos of ex-Commodores for display in the Clubhouse. Ken re-photographed all pictures to one standard size and Jack made and supplied the frames and glass. Many thanks, fellows.

SIGNING OFF: This being my 172nd effort of writing the "Anchor" since first joining the Club, am now signing off. Its been wood fun, and now, as the bootmaker said as he knocked his wife unconscious with a heavy metal object, "THIS IS THE LAST".

CHEERS.      R.E.B.

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# THE ANCHOR

## Editorial

The Anchor is a name that has been synonomous with the doings of the members of the Mordialloc Motor Yacht Club for the past 17 years.

In looking over all the back copies available, it is obvious that size and content have varied dramatically, so in future the aim will be to report "all the news that's fit to print" some interesting articles gleaned from here and there, and with the help of you - the members - a buy and sell section and, hopefully, the occasional contribution.

After all The Anchor has always been the news of the club, but why not make it a forum for your views as well.

Your help can make The Anchor really something to look forward to each month, so as from the November edition look forward to a new look Anchor.

Tuesday September 4 saw the 46th annual general meeting of the club and election of office bearers for the ensuing year:-

Commodore	Vic Bromage
Vice Commodore	Dave Moate
Rear Commodore	Barry Glenister
Secretary Treasurer	Ross White
Assist. Secretary	Eric Underdown
Social Sec.	B. Glenister
Race Sec.	E. Underdown
Assist. Race Sec.	J. Brown
Shipway Master	B. Bowden
Master of Ceremonies	John Daniel
Editor of The Anchor	Glenn Williams

Committee	C. Arthur
	J. Brown
	R. Butler
	V. Dalton
	J. Daniel
	J. Strauch

Crew Member on Committee	W. Evans
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## Message from The Commodore

Members,

Thank you for the confidence you have shown by electing me as your Commodore for the ensuing term.

I am deeply conscious of the honor of being your leader and representative.

A great example has been set by the fellows who have lead the Club in the past and I can only hope to follow their fine example.

Help me by supporting Club functions whenever you can and make it an enjoyable and prosperous year for all of us.

Vic Bromage

## Secretary's Report 1972-73

On this my 13th occasion again it is my pleasure to present the following report.

The Balance Sheet and Statement of Receipts and expenditure continues to reflect the stability of the Club. This year saw the completion of payment of the expenses incurred in the Building Programme and also the first four repayments of the Co-op to the Bank.

In the last year's report I gave a brief summary of the rebuilding programme, and this year saw the completion of the Committee Room and Office giving a finish to the original building design.

Our Social Secretary, Don Jones, this year with a new hall, increased accommodation and kitchen amenities, presented Party Nights and Social Events.

We also saw the advent of the Presentation of Inter Club events Trophies at a Supper Dance. Our Commodore and his Lady welcomed the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress Alan & Paddy Whalley, Alan personally presented the Whalley Cup and Tankards to last year's entrants. This replaced the Smoke Night which during the last few years has lost popularity, and the change gave the Commodore a chance to welcome and entertain officials of kindred clubs who have invited Mordialloc officials to their Clubrooms. It also gave members wives the chance to see the presentation of Inter Club Trophies. Unfortunately Don and Fay changed their mode of living and moved to a new area making a temporary absence from Club life. We hope they will do well in their new venture and look forward to their return.

Thanks Don and Fay.

John Daniel and Mike Murphy as Race Secretary and Assistant provided a good season's racing, the presentation of Club trophies by the Commodore at our last Social proved the success of the year. This Club during the year had a most successful season with Inter Club events. Winning the Whalley Cup, S.Y.C. Cup, B.M.Y.S. Cup, and P.P.P.B.A. Shield.

Again our Slipway Master with his untiring efforts has given the Members untold assistance with the slipping of boats and at the same time carrying out many maintenance duties too numerous to mention in the quiet unobtrusive way so familiar of Bert Bowden.

Our "Anchor" was again capably edited by veteran Editor "Razor" Blades. The years have certainly not dimmed his ability to present a monthly paper which has kept Members abreast of all the Club news and coming events.

This year has seen the retirement from Committee of many familiar faces, I refer to Frank Dixon, Bill



Lipscombe, Rich Blades, Ray Boyle, Rob Arthur and Don Jones. These Members during their time on Committee have given much assistance to the Club and I would not like to see their retirement without some mention. Your Committee attendances have been excellent much time was put into organizing the successful year just concluded.

Again the Creek is being dredged, but without the removal of mooring posts and all the troubles experienced the last time. However I still suggest Members be ready to move their boats when the dredge proceeds to carry out work around the Island.

I would like to acknowledge the sterling work carried out on behalf of the Club by our retiring Commodore. Both Charles and Alice Arthur during their three years in office have earned a reputation of popularity in all the official duties and Inter-Club Social Events which it has been their fortune to attend. Theirs was the difficult time in the planning and rebuilding, and finally the rewarding period of entertaining, in the New Hall. We hope you have both enjoyed your term for indeed on my behalf it has been a pleasure to work with you in running the Club.

To our incoming Commodore Vic Bromage, as I have stated before, we at Mordialloc have created a very high standard for our Flag Officers and I feel Vic will without doubt meet this standard.

Finally, I would like to thank Flag Officers, Assist. Secretary, Committee Members and their wives who have assisted me to carry out my duties, with a special mention to my own wife, Estie, who has helped me more than most Members realise, and has made it possible many times for me to put in the time necessary to be a successful Secretary to what is without doubt the Club second to none around the shores of Port Phillip Bay.

Ross White

Hon. Sec. Treasurer. M.M.Y.C.

This year's car trial under the auspices of Don Jones, was conducted by Rob Arthur in beautiful weather on Sunday September 9.

At the appointed time, aspirants entered the fray at the Clayton Drive-In corner and commenced a tour of the Dandenongs that for some, was brief and to the point and for others, a somewhat lengthy procedure! (D.M. please note).

The popular winner was Vic Bromage our new Commodore and everyone had a great time at the barbeque at Sylvan Dam, the finish of the event.

### Coming Events

September 29

Old Time Dance at the Clubhouse - always a great favourite. B.Y.O. & Supper. \$1 per head.

October 20

The Annual Dinner Dance - the clubs premier social event of the year will be held once again at the Alan McLean Hall - Mordialloc. First in best dressed for the good tables, - a call to Barry Glenister our new social secretary on 579 3134 will secure yours. \$10 a double.

November 2

The Annual Smoke night. More information later on this one, but reliable sources report that it should be a "very interesting" evening.

## Anchor Watch

Eric Underdown, our new race secretary and perennial assistant secretary is currently on a world tour. Rumor has it that on a Rhine cruise recently he just escaped the clutches of the legendary "Lorelei"!.... It will be interesting to see who will be the first to swing from the new Yard!....All thanks to Dave Moate for putting the new flagpole and yard into practise....The Schnapper are on, or so your editor is told (no personal experience as yet) but whilst splicing the mainbrace recently, reports filtered through that Bob Fraser and Mike Rabl had each (at separate times) hooked into a few good ones. Jack Brown beware!....It would seem that with Vic Bromage's elevation to Commodore, someone else will have to assume the rather specialised duties that Vic has for so long attended to. Ron Butler (when not in Queensland) has, I'm told been unofficially elected as Oasis Manager!....Ron Kerin has swapped the Rat Race for the Fish Field and bought a cold-store business at Lakes Entrance. Good luck and best wishes Ron - and now we know who to see for a good time at "The Lakes" ....Members with South Wall moorings will be pleased to know that a new club lock will shortly be placed on the access lane, bringing conditions back to normal. Ross White has keys - or contact the Editor ....Dredging goes on, and a recent visitor from Royal Brighton who arrived by boat was proudly told that he had 5 feet under his keel. He seemed glad of it when towing a privately owned pleasure boat (10 ft. L.OA & 8 passengers) back up the creek an hour or so later at dead low tide! ....And whilst of the subject of dredging, those boat owners with moorings behind the Island at the road bridge end, should keep a close eye on the dredge, as the next two weeks will see the area behind the Island and under the footbridge in the Dredgers sights ....In closing let me quote Mark

Twain who observed "What a good thing Adam had  
....When he said a good thing, he knew nobody  
had said it before!

Numbers to Know

Commodore	Vic Bromage	857 8793
Hon. Sec.	Ross White	337 5632
Slip Master	Bert Bowden	93 3284
Ed. of Anchor	Glenn Williams	30 4115

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## EDITORIAL

Spring has certainly sprung and the sudden increase of members sanding, painting and otherwise fitting-out in preparation for the coming summer is good to see. But spring weather is changeable, as evidenced by the couple of "Blows" we've had in recent weeks, and this brings me to another point. Those members with boats moored on the Island are in some of the most sheltered moorings in the bay. Those on the South Wall are in a slightly less fortunate position being a little more exposed. Therefore it would be logical to assume that these members would take a little more trouble to ensure that their boats were secure. Not So!

Just two weeks ago, a Westerly gusting to 45 knots broke 15 boats loose from both sides of the creek, and two community minded members worked in the rain and wind until 10 pm safeguarding other peoples investments. Whether Dave Coyle and Chris Tallon received any thanks for their assistance or not I don't know. I do know that they saved several thousand dollars worth of craft from an unhappy end. The moral is obvious.

And whilst on the subject of the South Wall, the gate to the access lane is now under club control, the gate having been fitted with a new lock and chain. Keys may be obtained from Ross White.

## Message from the Commodore

Members,

Our season is about to open and with dredging of the creek almost finished we should enjoy our boating to the full.

Some members are under the impression that our popular Smoke Night has been cancelled this year, on the contrary it will be on Friday November 2nd at 8 PM bigger and better than ever. Bring your friends, I am looking forward to seeing you all.

Vic Bromage

## Cooking at Sea?

Just thought members may like to know that TV's Galloping Gourmet, Graham Kerr recently took delivery of his new globetrotting ketch "Treena". Specifications are: LOA 71 ft. LWL 55'9" Beam 17'5" Draft 8'1". The hull is designed by Van de Stadt, built by Southern Ocean Shipyard in fibreglass. The interior joinery is completed in Sycamore and Rosewood and naturally the galley is really something, with separate bench top burners and oven, deep freeze and refrigerator - the whole finished in remarkably attractive stainless steel tiles. Two bathrooms, an owners stateroom and 4 separate cabins complete the picture. Of course all wave 2-way radio, radar, depth sounder/recorder and automatic RDF are fitted. The cost? A mere \$195,000!!

## WANTED TO BUY

Dave Coyle is interested in purchasing a marine Loo. Pump type - not chemical. Phone the Editor if you have one for sale please.

## SLOW PAYERS!

A number of members have not yet paid their annual subscription. Our constitution allows for a 90 day line of credit, and this becomes effective on November 3! Those members who have not paid by that date, will be made known to the next general meeting - then struck off. If you can't remember whether you're in this class, phone the Hon. Sec.

## Christmas Hamper

Our Huge, Enormous, Gigantic, Jumbo Xmas hamper will be pint sized unless some more contributions of goodies to place therein are quickly forthcoming. Groceries, toys, almost anything will help so roll up, roll up - and bring your donation to the next general meeting on November 13.

## ANCHOR WATCH

Earlier in The Anchor, Chris Tallon's name was mentioned in reference to his working at night saving other peoples boats. Chris must enjoy night work ... his wife is expecting triplets!! ... Jack Brown apparently aims to have some time on his hands - he was seen recently with a 12 inch diameter clock which, he says, will add some lustre to his racing record ... on the same subject Eric Underdown - (race secretary as well as assistant secretary this year) is back from his global wanderings and has instituted a (and new, fair to everybody, handicapping system which will give everybody, tyros as well as old hands, a really sporting chance ... Ken Clayton has some cheap flares available, Hand Held \$2 Parachute \$3 - this is real value, so hurry whilst stocks last!! ... A new PPBA chart has now been printed. It covers the area from Sandringham to Patterson River and really is a must. At 30¢ each, everybody can afford one. ... And whilst I'm on a sales

pitch Club Ties \$3, Lapel Pins \$1 and Burgees \$2.50 from the Hon. Sec. ... Note: the next general meeting will be held on November 13 because of Cup Night being the first Tuesday in the month!!!

#### DATES TO REMEMBER

November 2	Annual Smoke Night
November 11	Opening Day
November 13	Next General Meeting

#### NUMBERS TO KNOW

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There is nothing so absurd but some philosopher has said it.

- Cicero



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## EDITORIAL

Our season has officially started - and with quite a turnout to the Opening Day sailpoint, followed by an impressive high speed run by a group of our fast boats, followed by the Commodore's Trophy. The weather was perfect and the entry of 23 boats in the event kept race secretary Eric Underdown and assistant Jack Brown on their toes. On the other hand the two gentlemen just named had a trick or two up their sleeves which kept the competitors on their toes. Probably the most effective being a secret checkpoint ... with the obvious result for those last minute speedsters. The event was won in fine style by John Daniels and congratulations are certainly due. Now Eric's new handicapping system will start to show itself, and the general consensus of opinion seems to be that this handicapping method is just what we've needed for some time to allow some of the less proficient racing skippers a sporting chance. Entering the races is a sure way of getting to know one another, improving your seamanship, becoming more familiar with your craft - and great fun as well. So let's get together to make this a really bumper season.

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## Message from the Commodore

Members,

Thank you for the splendid turnout to the Sail Point on Opening Day it was great to see such a large number of boats leave the creek, and promises a good season for us all. Keep up the good work!

As this is the final edition of the Anchor for 1973 Enid and I would like to extend our best wishes to all members and their families for a very happy Christmas, and your good health and prosperity in the coming year.

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## Mind your Moorings

The recent dredging of the creek has been a great help to most of us, although it has meant a little manual labour here and there to replace posts that have been dislodged. Our Secretary has asked me to pass on to those members in moorings 71 - 80 a request from the committee that posts be replaced. As these members will know almost none exist in that section of the creek. It is our responsibility to maintain our moorings in the prescribed fashion.

## The Seats are Set

Thanks to an industrious few hours by the usual group of dedicated members we now have a completely new set of comfortable attractive garden seats to replace the rather tired set that have served us in the past. The new ones are of the stained wood slats on a galvanised frame and a special vote of thanks is due to Bill Evans and family for galvanising the frames. These seats are a real asset to the club - so let's look after them.

on or otherwise tamper with the installation ... Frank Dixon made a personal inspection of the job done by the dredge recently - at and below water level. Any member finding a pair of spectacles in the creek is requested to return them to Frank. He's quite dry and disinfected now ... A working bee will be held at 10 a.m. on Sunday December 9 to clean-up and prepare the Island for the Christmas Party. Let's have a big roll-up of helpers ..... The annual programme of events is now available and may be secured from Ross White ..... What was Dave Moate doing with a boatload of Sea Scouts one sunny Saturday recently? Giving them a packaged boat handling course of course, and thanks to your patience Dave we have a few more young men who will be better sailors for your assistance ..... Heard on the 2 way whilst fishing one night recently: "Coast Guard to Wendy Ann, what is your position" "Wendy Ann to Coast Guard, under the bows of a huge dredge" "Coast Guard to Wendy Ann, what is the position of the dredge" "Wendy Ann to Coast Guard - how the hell do I know I'm too busy trying to dodge it". It seems that even the bold Volunteer Coast Guard has its moments.

### COMING EVENTS

Christmas Social at Clubhouse	December 8
A.R.M.Y.C. Regatta	December 9
Next General Meeting	December 11
Childrens Party on the Island	December 16

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When you have nothing to say .... say nothing!

- Charles Caleb Calton