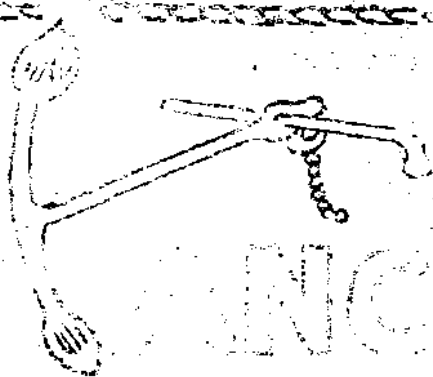


FEBRUARY 1963

EDITOR

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### EDITORIAL:

Readers may wonder why the "Anchor" has been sent out so early in the month, especially at this time of the year when most of us are ~~still recovering~~ from the holiday break. Well, it was necessary to present an early February Edition so that all members would have an opportunity to take part in the first race to be staged by the Port Phillip Power Boat Association.

The PPPBA is formed from all recognised motor yacht clubs around the Bay, the four major principals in the Association at the moment being, Royal Victorian Motor Yacht Club, Sandringham, Mordialloc and Patterson River. However, it is planned to bring others into the Association, and so invitations are being extended around the Bay for entrants in the race to be run on March 3rd. The aims of the PPPBA are to promote safety on the Bay and to lay down rules for racing. Delegates from the MMYC have attended all meetings of the Association and as mentioned in previous Editions of the "Anchor" we are very proud to have Jim Smith as Vice Chairman of the Association and Ross Blackmore as Hon. Secretary. A lot of hard work has gone into the PPPBA, not only for the betterment of racing conditions and safety, but also in fostering a greater understanding between the respective Clubs. The PPPBA was also instrumental in redrafting certain clauses of the Motor Boat Act before it was gazetted.

And now, through the courtesy of Mr. Bert Wicken of the Royal Victorian Motor Yacht Club and the Moomba organisers of whom one of the foremost is Mr. Allan Whalley, there is to be run from St. Kilda on March 3rd the "Moomba Aywon Cup",

a log race for power boats sponsored by the PPPBA. Trophies donated by Mr. Wicken, are to the value of £100. Entry forms are now available from Ross White but NB, they must be returned to R. E. Blades, 16 Hamilton Street, Bentlyigh by no later than February 18th. Late entries will not be accepted.

The race, taking about an hour to run, will take place off the St. Kilda breakwater. It is timed to start at 2.30 pm. but instructions will be available from 12 noon at the Kiosk on the pier. Because of the large number of entrants anticipated, the race has been divided into five speed groups as follows:-  $4\frac{1}{2}$  ,  $5\frac{1}{2}$  , 8 , 11 and 15 knots. Boats shall race at one of these speeds only. Boats in any one group will start together with five minutes between each group. Each group will run over a different course but finishing at the same finish line. So that judges and spectators can readily identify each group, boats will fly a colored flag indicative of the group to which they belong, i.e.;  $4\frac{1}{2}$  white,  $5\frac{1}{2}$  red, 8 yellow, 11 black and 15 green. These flags will be handed out at the time of receiving instructions. Racing numbers will also be displayed on each side of the vessel. Note however that racing numbers are not registration numbers, and anyone in doubt should contact Secretary Ross White. They should be affixed or painted on a board 2 ft. x 2 ft. Colors should be distinctive, i.e. black letters on a white background.

Last month I wrote of tradition and history. Now you can be in the making of history and I hope, tradition, for, if this event proves successful, as indeed it ought, then it is sincerely hoped that it becomes an eagerly awaited event on our calendar in the years to come. However, success depends on YOU. Representatives of your Club have done their bit and now it is in your hands.

Remember - 2.30 pm. on March 3rd. Entries close February 18th. Trophies to £100. See you at Moomba. . . .

#### RAFFLE WINNERS:

At the Christmas Social held at the Clubhouse on December 22nd the raffle for the stocking and consolation prizes was drawn. -

1st	No. 3100	E. Wells.
2nd	No. 1012	K. Glenister.
3rd	No. 0134	N. L. C/- R. Blackmore.
4th	No. 4149	F. Clark.
5th	No. 0776	G. Maxwell.

### SLIPWAY:

Bookings are still rather heavy for this time of the year and any skippers wanting to bring their boats up on the slips should check well in advance with Slipmaster Dick Elades. Phone XU 3189.

### RACING:

All boats taking part in the Dart Trophy on February 10th at 2 pm. must have a crew member or passenger on board.

Because of the Moomba Aywon Cup to be run on March 3rd any events on our program for that day will probably be postponed to another date.

### WORLD TRIP:

John Daniel, jnr. has now left on his overseas trip. He was farwelled from Port Melbourne by members of his family and club members.

### IGNITION PROTECTOR:

Last month I mentioned a new pressure pack compound designed to protect ignition circuits and to prevent corrosion in boats. Although a demonstration was given at the time by a Sales Representative, it was after all only a demonstration. Since then I have personally used this compound (CRC 6.66) in an emergency procedure. It happened when a fault developed in the engine of the boat. In order to find the cause of this fault it was necessary to run the engine with all the overhead valve gear and push rod assembly exposed. This was done at sea as the motor had to be under load, but unfortunately it started to rain and the sea was choppy. As a result the ignition system was quickly drowned in a mixture of oil and water so that the motor stopped. However, it was sprayed with the compound and restarted immediately and then continued to run without any further interference. I now have no doubt that this compound would cure any problems arising from "wet ignition" and as such should form an item of essential equipment on boats. Cans are available at 18/- per can from Ken Clayton.

### HOLIDAY TRIPS:

The Island was rather deserted over the holiday period with many of the boats away. Some seen down the other end of the Bay included Psyche, Mavric, Araluen (who nearly didn't make it when keel boats worked loose), Lorelei, Kestral, Dart and Diana, the latter two being based at Mud Island for a few days. The punt also disappeared for a couple of days and thoughts were beginning to arise as to who might have

gone Christmas boating in it when it was found beneath the murky waters of the creek.

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH:

"When an apple has ripened and falls, why does it fall? Because of its attraction to the earth, because its stalk withers, because it is fried by the sun, because it grows heavier, because the wind shakes it, or because the boy standing below wants to eat it?"

Tolstee. War and Peace.

COMING EVENTS:

February 10th	2 pm. Dart trophy Devon Tea 3.30 pm.
" 17th	Cruise and Barbeque.
" 23rd	Sandringham Regatta. Note also that the Queen arrives on this date. It is intended that boats from our Club will form a "guard of honour" as the Royal Yacht sails up the Bay, close inshore. Skippers intending to take part in the welcome should check with Commodore Ross Blackmore for final details.
March 2nd	Social at Clubhouse 8 p.m.
" 3rd	Moomba Aywon Cup 2.30 p.m.
" 16th	Whalley Cup. Entry forms now available.
" 24th	Isle of Mordialloc Trophy. Entry forms now available.

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**EDITORIAL:** We hear so often of " the Good Old Days " and in this modern world of hurry and trouble all of us, I think, sometimes think that our grandfathers were perhaps very lucky people. However, after reading the following article, I feel sure that you will agree that perhaps we should regard the so called " Good Old Days " in another light.

~~The following is a copy of office rules for the~~  
clerical staff of a Merchants and Ships Chandlers of Sydney Town in the year of grace 1852. -

1. Godliness, cleanliness and punctuality are the necessities of a good business.
2. On the recommendation of the governor of this colony, this firm has reduced the hours of work, and the clerical staff we now only have to be present between the hours of 7am and 6 pm on week days. The Sabbath is for worship (What, no races! Ed.) but should any man-o-war or other vessel require victualling, the clerical staff will work on the Sabbath.
3. Daily prayers will be held each morning in the main office. The clerical staff will be present.
4. Clothing must be of a sober nature. The clerical staff will not disport themselves in raiment of bright colors, nor will they wear hose, unless in good repair.
5. Overshoes and topcoats may not be worn in the office, but neck scarves and head-wear may be worn in inclement weather.
6. A stove is provided for the benefit of the clerical staff. Coal and wood must be kept in the locker. It is recommended that each member of the clerical staff bring 4 lbs. of coal each day during the cold weather.

7. No member of the clerical staff may leave the room without permission from Mr. Ryder. The calls of nature are permitted and the clerical staff may use the garden below the second gate. This area must be kept in good order.
8. No talking is allowed during business hours. (I wonder if this refers to the above paragraph? Ed.)
9. The craving for tobacco, wines or spirits is a human weakness, and, as such, is forbidden to all members of the clerical staff. (That leaves only one thing. Ed.)
10. Now that the hours of business have been drastically reduced, the partaking of food is allowed between 11.30am and noon, but work will not on any account cease. (Wouldn't want to drop a ham and pickle in the typewriter. Ed.)
11. Members of the clerical staff will provide their own pens. A new sharpener is available on application from Mr. Ryder.
12. Mr. Ryder will nominate a senior clerk to be responsible for the cleanliness of the main office and all boys and juniors will report to him 40 minutes before prayers and will remain after closing hours for similar work. Brushes, brooms, scrubbers and soap are provided by the owners.
13. The new increased weekly wages are as hereunder detailed:
 

Junior boys (to 11 years)	1/4d.
Boys (to 14 years)	2/1d.
Juniors	4/8d.
Junior clerks	8/7d.
Clerks	10/9d.
Senior clerks (after 15 years with the owners)	21/-.

The owners recognize the generosity of the new labour laws, but will expect a great rise in output of work to compensate for these near Utopian conditions.

ALONG THE WATERFRONT: A welcome face seen at the Whalley Cup at Williamstown was that of George Perry. George has been recovering from a car accident and has been out of action for nearly nine months. The Whalley cup day was his first day out since the accident and we all hope that George will now be able to attend the many functions of the club throughout the next few months.

Becoming a force to be reckoned with on the aggregate point list is Black Knight, now skippered by George Ennis. George has not taken part in the racing for the some past few years but now with his interest revived he has some of the racing members a trifle worried.

The Moomba race was not without its' anxious moments. On the way up to St. Kilda, Beaulieu, skippered by Terry Mast,

somehow contrived to tangle with the stern of Nancy Lyn skippered by Ray Brett. Beaulieu was holed above the waterline in the bows and had to be escorted back to Mordialloc by Ray. Finally arriving at St. Kilda, Ray found that he was nearly out of petrol. With ten minutes to go until the start of the race he managed to borrow some from Dart, skippered by Ken Clayton. During the handing over of the petrol, Dart took a fancy to a mooring line and buoy which became entangled in the Propeller. A very quick strip and dive by crew member Colin Clayton soon had this matter in hand and with both throttles wide Dart crossed the starting line trailing the field by some 400 yards. On the way home, Blue Horizon, with Bill Alston at the helm was taken in tow off Sandringham. However, he too, quickly solved his problems and arrived back safely.

Bert Wells has had his share of boat troubles. He was towed to Sandringham after the Aywon Cup and mechanical trouble put him out of the running in the Whalley Cup. Bert has recently organised a group of trailer boat owners with the object of pressing for a launching ramp in the Mordialloc area.

Bert Bowden, only one second out, obtained second place in the Whalley Cup. Equal place with him was Commodore Howell of Sandringham. Our Commodore, Ross Blackmore, two seconds out was placed third in the event. First place went to the boat "Karen Gale" skippered by Kevin Young of Sandringham. His error was nil.

Ted Dixon had the misfortune to find his car had done the disappearing act when he arrived back from the Moomba event. However, it was recovered later that night out in the "back blocks" of Mordialloc. The Dixon family have had some luck nevertheless. Ted's son Wayne, was forward hand on Vennessa, winner of the Victorian Cadet Dinghy championship race, the Lady Stonehaven Cup.

The big question at the moment is will Commodore Ross Blackmore be still addicted to lemonade at the next social.

The punt has had its' annual renovation. We all hope that this will be the last time and that 1963 should see the eventual completion of the bridge project.

Members who have not visited the island recently may be interested to know that the boat building works at the rear of the clubhouse was destroyed by fire late last month. Prompt action by firemen prevented damage to the MMYC premises.

NOTICE TO SKIPPERS: Please take care to see that your boat does not exceed the speed limit in the creek. Travel even

slower is necessary when approaching your moorings. The wash from a fast moving craft in confined waters can be devastating to moored boats.

Skippers taking part in races should take care to observe all the rules for racing. Practices such as laying on the line can only result in disqualification, which our handicapper, Jack Daniel says he will have no hesitation in enforcing.

The handicapper has requested that boats entered in ALL events from now carry racing numbers at least 2 ft. square. Several boats were disqualified in a recent interclub event, because their racing numbers were not visible to the judges.

Equipment stored under the clubhouse is stored at the owners risk.

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH: Experience makes you wonder how it got the reputation for being the best teacher.

COMING EVENTS:

Social at Clubhouse                      March 30th              8 p.m.

March 31st. Members who could make their boats available on this day to take out a number of visiting members of a country organisation should contact Jack Prince for further details.

A film night will be held at the Club on Friday April 5th at 8 p.m. No charge will be made for admittance, but ladies are asked to bring a plate. The films, presented by Ampol Petroleum Ltd., will run for about 2½ hours. They will cover such subjects as the America's Cup, Shark hunting, Mouth to mouth life saving methods plus travel films. It should be quite an interesting night so make it a good attendance.

April 7th                      Koorunga Trophy                      11.15 a.m.  
E. Undertown crew members race 1.30 p.m.

Followed by a              Devon Tea              at              3.30 p.m.  
April 21st                      The Rex Clayton "White Gull" Trophy at  
10.30 a.m.

                                    Nancy Lyn Trophy at              11.15 a.m.  
April 27th.                      Social                      8 p.m.

Another film night has been arranged for May 5th to follow the cruise and barbeque. The films shown on that night will be those taken by Allen Dudley of Sandringham. They are of many of the interclub events which have been run in recent years.

P.S. George Bates won the "Isle of Mordialloc" Trophy.





With the sinking of the atomic submarine Thresher on April 10th there can be few amongst us who have not felt that feeling of awe, with the realisation that with all of our present day technical achievements the timeless realm of King Neptune awaits but one slip in order that the souls of brave men might be drawn to his icy bosom.

We realise that, while the sea is a place for relaxation, for sport and for commerce, it should always command the respect of which it deserves. Never for a moment should we be completely off guard, but always ready for the crisis that may be just beyond the next waves foaming crest.

There is no place on the sea for the "foolhardy" and the "Show off". There is no place for the fellow who jeopardizes the safety of others and their property by senseless acts of his own devising.

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

#### BY SEA TO WESTERN PORT BAY:

Bill Withers in Diana and myself in Dart made the trip to Westernport and back during the Easter period. Special equipment for the trip included a pair of one Watt Transistorised walki-talki type sets kindly loaned by Consolidated Electronics of St. Kilda Road, Melbourne. Pre-arranged transmitting times were made and during the trip radio contact was kept between the two boats. After preliminary tests, it was found only necessary to throttle down the engines, not, as in some cheaper sets, to stop the engines.

completely so that contact could be made. This was to prove its worth during some stages of the trip where stoppage might have spelt real trouble.

Leaving Mordialloc at 8.30 am. on Friday we set a course direct to the west Channel Pile Light, arriving there at 10 am., then with a light northerly breeze we headed down past Queenscliff and passed through the Port Phillip Heads at 10.45 am. Turning eastward along the coast we passed through a fleet of yachts competing in an ocean race. With near perfect conditions we hove to off Cape Schanck at 11.30 am. and after checking fuel, etc. and having lunch we continued under way again and swinging wide around the surf on the westerly point to the entrance of Westernport we tied up at the Flinders jetty at 1.30 pm. With the threat of a blow from the south east it was decided to make for Warneet that night where we knew that we were certain of calm water. Leaving Flinders at 2.30 pm. we headed up the west side of the bay. Some anxious moments were spent on each boat when we were lost from sight when running very close to a line of breaking surf which extends for some distance up the west arm of Westernport. However, again the radios came to the fore and after finding each other again we made for Hastings, reaching there at 4 pm. Leaving there at 5.15 we made a fast dash, assisted by a full tide across to Warneet, arriving there just on dark at 6 pm. Local boat owners made us very welcome, allotting us two moorings and even a dinghy was placed at our disposal. The great mystery of the night was that next morning a large heap of mud was piled on the deck of Dart. Why and how it got there we will never know.

Saturday morning dawned bright and clear, but with a strong breeze from the south. Leaving the Warneet channel on a rapidly falling tide we beat down the west side of French Island into rising seas and wind gusts of up to forty miles per hour. Arriving at Cowes just after midday we were lucky to find a friend of Bill's on the jetty there. He directed us to some sheltered moorings at Ventnor and during the remainder of the day we enjoyed the hospitality of a land base. During the latter part of the afternoon we tested the radios. We were able to transmit and receive to a speed boat which was over four miles around the coast. Transmission was not in direct

line of sight, but over a succession of low hills down to the water. We slept well that night, the boats rocking gently to a light swell drifting in from the ocean.

Forecasts for Sunday were very favourable and we were away at 8.15 am. headed for home. We ran into strong tidal currents at the entrance to Western Port. Seas were very steep, for although the wind was light there was still considerable swell from the wind of the day before. It took a good hour to beat to sea sufficiently far to be sure of clearing Cape Schanck should the seas continue to be unfavourable. However, the sea became more placid and after turning westward we experienced a very invigorating run back to Port Phillip Heads. We passed again through the line of yachts which had just finished the race to Waratah Bay and had (in my opinion) the unique thrill of seeing the crew of one of the yachts line the deck and photograph us as we went by. We clocked a good 15 knots on this run and arrived at Port Phillip with the tide still on the ebb. We chose to enter, however, for although the wind was still very light it was showing signs of freshening. This passage taxed the helmsman somewhat but was negotiated without incident. Stopping about a mile inside the heads to fish, Rex Clayton on Dart was nearly lost overboard when his leg became entangled in the anchor line. Leaving the heads we again headed up the West channel and arrived back at Mordialloc at 3.15 pm., taking only an hour and three quarters from the heads.

#### ISLE OF MORDIALLOC:

Again a very successful day was had for the running of this annual event. Fortysix boats took part and as usual placings were very close. 1st place went to Norma skippered by George Bates. Equal second was Dart (Ken Clayton) and a Sandringham boat, Bluebird skippered by L. Moloney. Another Sandringham boat, Annabelle with Alan Perry at the helm was third. Only three seconds separated these four boats.

Many members helped to make this day the success it was but highest praises should go to Bill Lipscombe, our Social Secretary and to the ladies of the club who prepared and helped with the very excellent luncheon.

#### WANTED:

Space is available in the Anchor, free of charge, should any member have any surplus gear that he might wish to dispose of. Similarly, he might want some hard to get item, so why not ask for it in these pages.

Jack Prince is looking for a 12 x 12 left hand propellor with a number three Morse taper to fit an inch and one eighth shaft.

## RECORD?:

Circulation of the Anchor has now exceeded 120 copies.

## NOTICE TO SKIPPERS:

Another reminder to carefully observe the speed limit in the creek. Also, if using the slipway, make sure that you tidy up after you have finished.

## HEY! YOU HAYSEEDS!

A Barndance will be held on Saturday 27th of this month. Costumes to suit the occasion and prizes galore. This promises to be the night of nights so come along and join in the fun.

## PICTURE NIGHT:

A very large crowd turned up to the last Picture night held in the club rooms on the 5th of this month. Following on the success of this night it is now proposed to hold another picture night on May 5th after the cruise and barbeque. Alan Dudley, of Sandringham Yacht Club, has kindly consented to show films of power boating in Port Phillip Bay. Included in these are numerous shots of inter-club events. Those people who have seen the sneak preview vouch heartily for the excellence of these films. So, keep May 5th in mind for this picture night. Those wishing to take part in the cruise on that day should be on the island about 9.30 am. The barbeque will be held on the return to the island at about 4.30-5 pm. The pictures should follow at about 6.30 pm.

## THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH:

Truth is the hardest missile one can be pelted with.

NOTE: For further information regarding the two-way radios used on the Western Port trip members should contact Ken Clayton or get in touch with Consolidated Electronics, St. Kilda Road, Melbourne.

## DATES TO REMEMBER:

Barndance at Club	April 27th.	8 p.m.
Cruise, Barbeque and Picture Night		May 5th.
Meeting at Clubhouse	May 7th	8 p.m.
Races starting 10.30 am.	May 19th.	
Social	May 25th.	
Royal Victorian Motor Yacht Club Race	June 1st.	

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EDITORIAL:

When we joined the Mordialloc Motor Yacht Club just what did we expect to get for the nomination fee and annual subscription. We all, no doubt expected to take part in some part of the club's activities and to some day acquire a mooring on the island, and I guess we were all a little disappointed when we found that all we had was a great pile of mud where our moorings were finally allotted, and, to take part in activities on the island we had to pull a water soaked punt across a smelly creek. Hardly the thing to expect when you join an established yacht club.

But, in counting one's blessings we found that after the mud was shifted from the moorings they became some of the most safest in the Bay. We found that the MMYC was one of the very few clubs that boast of a fully equipped slipway, under cover, and with lights for night work. We found that when we were in trouble there was always someone who would come to our aid. We always found the hand of friendship extended both in the many cheery social functions on the club's program and in the democratic meetings by which the club is run. A quiet place to spend a Sunday afternoon and if you had a key to the clubhouse, another place to come home to.

Truly, can other clubs boast of all this? We have found this in the past, we find it now and may it continue to be found for many years to come. The club is what you, the individual, makes it.

MAYORAL BALL:

On Friday, May 3rd. the flag officers together with other members of the club, attended the City of Mordialloc

Mayoral Ball which was held in the City Hall at Mentone.

Feature of the evening was the lavishly decorated stage. It was arranged as a garden setting with large imitation rocks setting off the magnificent display of flowers and shrubs. The entrance to the hall was also similarly decorated but with the addition of a fish pond containing real live fish.

The highlight of the night came after the official opening when a large group of debutantes made their entrance across the flower decked stage. Included in their number was Ross White's daughter, Judith, who was partnered by John Ennis. Judith wore a gown made of white nylon crystal organza. It was full length, with a double box-pleated skirt and fitted bodice with bateau neckline and little sleeves. The bodice front was decorated with a lovely design of flowers and leaves, done in crystal beading.

#### PATTERSON RIVER MOTOR YACHT CLUB OPENS NEW CLUBHOUSE:

Commodore of MMYC, Ross Blackmore, attended the official opening of Patterson River's new Clubhouse on Sunday 12th May. The new club house is of cream brick construction and more than doubles the space occupied by the former building.

Commodore Frank Munis opened the new rooms after a short address by the Mayor of Chelsea, Cr. Nola Barber. Frank Munis was then granted an Honorary Life Membership of the Club in recognition for the work that he has done for the Club. Frank does not intend to stand for position of Commodore again this year.

Now that Patterson River have their new premises they intend to hold their monthly socials again. These will be held on the third Saturday of every month and admission is 7/6d. Ladies bring a plate.

#### FOR SALE:

Club ties are again available from either Jim Smith or Ross White. Price - 10/-.

#### ARBOR DAY IN THE HARBOUR:

Following a very successful cruise to Davey's Bay and return on Sunday, May 5th a barbeque was held on the island. Commodore Ross Blackmore then planted a tree in the middle of the lawn near the Clubhouse. It is now hoped that the tree will flourish and in a few years will provide an attractive natural setting for our annual Christmas treat. Messrs. E. Alston and J. Lanham donated the tree. Further tree planting has now been stimulated on the island and Charlie Higginbotham and Bert Bowden have now indulged

in the arboreal arts.

#### ALONG THE WATERFRONT:

Don't forget our Annual Ball on October 4th.

It has been reported that underwater demolition experts have been looking at the old submarine in Sandringham harbour. Maybe the old landmark will soon be disappearing from the local scene.

The Brighton Aquatic Club have made application to join the Port Phillip Power Boat Association.

Slipway Master Dick Blades has been on the sick list for the past month.

Yellow lines have now been painted on the bank behind the hotel. These lines indicated the width of the moorings as allocated by the council. Skippers who have moorings in this area should see that their boat occupies only the area allotted to them.

The Royal Victorian Motor Yacht Club cup is to be run on June 1st at Williamstown. Instructions should be available shortly from Ross White. If all goes as planned this race should be very interesting. Royal Vic. have extended an invitation to skippers taking part in the event to stay overnight at the club jetty if they so desire. Full facilities are available.

#### ODE TO OUR COMMODORE:

"He saw a shoe box floating by,

It didn't sink, He wondered why? "

For the answer to this intriguing mystery, ask Ross.

#### THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH:

The man who rests on his laurels is wearing them in the wrong place.

#### DATES TO REMEMBER:

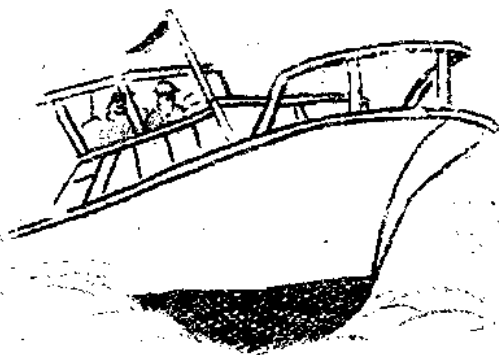
May 25th.	8 p.m.	Social at Clubhouse.
June 1st.	11 a.m.	Race at Williamstown.
June 2nd.	10.30 a.m.	Two races.
June 4th.	8 p.m.	Meeting at Clubhouse.

This is your opportunity to have your say in the affairs of the club. The attendances at these meetings during the last few months has been excellent. Members are beginning to realise that this is a good way to get to know the other fellow and also to get advice on your boating problems.

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#### EDITORIAL:

A recent refusal by the Tourist Development authority to assist the Mordialloc council to dredge the creek has been met with great disappointment by both councillors and boat owners alike. Grounds for the refusal appear to be that benefits of Tourist Development finance should be for the public in general, not just a "select few".

One need only see what has been done overseas to see that this is just another example of Australian narrow minded bureaucracy and it is to be hoped that boat owners will not adopt the same passive attitude toward these continued injustices as they have as motor car owners.

#### ALONG THE WATERFRONT:

Dick Blades was given a hearty welcome back to the rears at the last monthly meeting of the Club. Dick has been laid up for the last few weeks, but it is hoped that he will once more become part of the familiar Island scene.

That Mentone seaweed must be really on the nose. Bill Withers has foresaken his home on the cliff top and has taken up residence further inland at Cheltenham.

Approval for the bridge is now in the final stages and we can expect work on the project to commence very shortly.

Arrangements are being made so that the island and club premises will be lit at night by street type lighting.

Ross White's wife is recovering at home after a short stay in hospital. All the club join in wishing her a speedy recovery.

The twin screwed cruiser, formerly known as "Water Sportsman" has been renamed by its new owners "Bry Connie Dee".

With with "Royal" becoming such a common name, it might be quite a mark of distinction to have a name as plain as "Mordialloc Motor Yacht Club". In fact, if anyone dared suggest "Royal" now as a prefix, one might be inclined to "Crown" him.

Doug Ennis was married on May 18th. The lucky young lady was formerly Judith Amos. They plan to live eventually at Beaumaris.

Rhoda Withers became Mrs. Ewen Cunningham at a delightful ceremony at the Pioneers' Memorial Presbyterian Church, Cheltenham on June 15th. They, too, plan to settle locally.

Congratulations seem to be in order this month. Peter and Brenda Blackmore became the proud parents of a son, Ronald Walter, on May 28th. Ross Blackmore, now a grandfather, is not sure if he should be congratulated or not.

#### WANTED:

The program for 1963-64 is now being drawn up. Members are invited to donate trophies for events if they desire. As these trophies are bought in bulk by the club, it means that the donor need only donate an amount of approximately £2. However the donor should be prepared to arrange his event on the day allotted and not leave all the work to the Handicapper (whoever he might be?). These events form a vital part of the Club's activities during the year and it is in your interest that they be continued. Intending donors should contact Secretary, Ross White for further details.

#### THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH:

Treating the smoke never puts out the fire.

#### SOCIAL EVENTS:

The 1962-63 racing program has now concluded. The last two days of racing were run in far from perfect weather, but this in fact added to the interest displayed in the events concerned. Final aggregate points were in doubt right up to the running of the last event.

This resulted in a final aggregate score as follows:-

- 1st. Dart skippered by Ken Clayton with 1102 points.
- 2nd. Marlo skippered by Jim Smith with 1032 points.
- 3rd. Araluen skippered by Ross Blackmore with 988 points.

It is interesting to note that Jim Smith never won a race during the season, but his consistent placing in events gave him his high aggregate score. Last year Jim was placed 4th in the aggregate with 1109 points and it would look as though he will be a pretty fair bet for the 63-64 season. That is provided that Terry Mast does not keep repeating his performance of the last race this season. Terry raced his boat Thunda for the first time and succeeded in taking first place in the event.

#### SLIPWAY:

The slips continue to be busy and skippers wanting to slip their boats should contact Slipmaster Dick Blades well in advance. Please note, however that his phone number is JU 3189, not XY as stated in the last "Anchor".

#### SOCIAL EVENTS:

Please note that there will not be any Devon Teas for at least three months.

Don't forget the Club Socials on the last Saturday of every month. The July Social will be the Annual Fancy Dress Night so start thinking about your costumes this month. The August Social will be the Annual Presentation Night. The grand climax of the year comes with the M.M.Y.C. Ball to be held this year on the 4th of October. So don't wait until a few days before. Start making up your parties now.

Social events have been very well attended during the past few months and as a result the Social Secretary and his assistants have been inspired to even greater successes. Usually at this time of the year a car trip is organised and this year it has been decided to take a run to the Maroondah reservoir. Barbequeing facilities are available there and after lunch it was thought that some members might like to take a run across to the wild life sanctuary. Suggested meeting place is at the corner of Springvale Road and the Maroondah Highway on Sunday, July 14th at 10 a.m. All cars should fly their Club Pennants to make identification easy.

On July 19th (Friday) there is to be a dinner dance at the Hampton Hotel. It was felt that there was a call for a social function but with a wine and dine atmosphere, where everyone could relax and enjoy themselves. However, not much time remains to finalise bookings, so make up a party and contact Social Secretary Bill Lipscombe as soon as possible to secure your table. Tickets are 27/6d. per head.

#### IN SYMPATHY:

Sincere expressions of sympathy to Bert Wells upon

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**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

CLUBHOUSE: XY 1203.

JULY, 1963

EDITOR  
K.R.C.

**EDITORIAL:** Final Council approval and allocation of mooring sites by the Mordialloc Council on the southern bank of the creek between Mr. Alnutt's mooring and the turn in the creek near the mouth must be marked as another milestone in the Club's progress. This, coupled with favourable criticism of the Club and it's surrounds in the Local Press must be attributed in no small way to the general esteem engendered by Club Members in general and the Officers of the Club.

While Club welfare rests in your hands nevertheless, final forms of administration and management must of necessity lie in the hands of the Club Officers and Committee. Therefore it is natural at this time of the year for all serious minded members to give thought to the nomination and election of new Officers and Committee. Nominations take place at the monthly meeting on the first Tuesday in August, while elections take place on the first Tuesday in September. ☐ your benefit the Club must continue to progress and it is to your advantage that you take an active part in these two very important nights.

**NOTE:** Access to the new mooring area must be made through the lane almost directly opposite the street which runs alongside the hotel parking area. Entry should not be made through the lane which runs adjacent to Mr. Allnutt's property.

**HELP TO BOAT OWNERS:** A member of this Club, Bob James runs a boat supply centre under the name of ARJAY BOATS at 1117 Whitehorse Road, Box Hill. Bob carries an excellent range of accessories and specializes in propellers. Members will receive favourable attention if they call on Bob and mention this Club and produce their financial members card. Have you your card for this year?

A LITTLE THOUGHT: Most of us on occasion have chained up the punt while unloading heavy goods from it and then walked away without untying it. A little thought and care would save others needless hardship and inconvenience.

SPRING CLEAN: A general clean up and working bee will take place on the Island on Sunday 11th August. Jobs will be handed out at 10 a.m. and all members are invited to be present.

Some members have already got in early with a little spring cleaning. Jack Prince did an excellent repair job on the roof and Frank Pearce followed up with an expert paint job. A sincere thank you to both. The interior of the club rooms are somewhat brighter now thanks to the donation and fitting by Leo Mercer of florescent light at the rear of the hall.

ALONG THE WATER FRONT: John Daniel Jnr. who is at present enjoying a stay overseas is reported to be contemplating a return home in a 40 ft. ketch. If he does this then subsequent editors of the Anchor should never run short of interesting material.

Flag Officers of the Club enjoyed the hospitality of the Royal Victorian Motor Yacht Club on the night of July 6th last, when they attended a most lavish cocktail party and dinner dance at RVMYC's club rooms.

Stormy skies cleared on Sunday 14th last when the club held a car trip to Healesville. Inspection of the Maroondah Dam has given rise to the thought that this summer may again present serious water shortages. Water level is still some thirty to forty feet below the level of the spillway.

A special section of the club will soon have to be set aside for the grandfathers. Keith Glenister is a grandpa again with a grandson Russel born to Barry and Glenda. Bert Howden is sporting a happy grin too after the birth of a daughter (Lynette Helen) on June 15th to Tony and Helen.

Weddings again are to the fore with the recent marriage of Elizabeth Perry.

PPPBA NEWS: Most likely on the interclub program for next season will be a cruise and race down the bay.

Admittance of the Brighton Aquatic Club to the PPPBA had been deferred until February, 1964.

Figures for boats finishing the course in all interclub events last season are now to hand. They reflect somewhat the keenness that our club displays in these events.

Patterson River Motor Yacht Club	19 boats
Sandringham	39 boats
Royal Victorian Motor Yacht Club	29 boats
Mordialloc Motor Yacht Club	50 boats

Aggregate point score for PPPBA events resulted as follows:-

1st NEREDA Skippered by V. Jaques with 111 points.

2nd GULACAN Skippered by T. Barnett with 110 points.

Three boats tied for third. They were:

NORMA	G. Bates,
DROPMORE	C. Clark,
PR 109	C. Watson.

INTEREST ON DEBENTURES: Interest on debentures is now due.

After careful consideration by the Committee it has been decided, that, in order to reduce club expenditure that such interest as is due will be credited to member's subscriptions for 1964-65. However, if any member feels that it is desirable to have what interest as is due to him, then he should contact Secretary Ross White who will see that the money is forwarded at once. Your co-operation in this matter will greatly assist the Club.

DEVON TEAS: A pleasant and profitable activity in club affairs has been the monthly Devon Teas which are conducted during the warmer months of the year. However, over the years, the supply of scone makers has gradually dwindled. It is now felt that there may be many ladies who have recently entered into club life who may like to assist in this matter. They could convey their willingness to assist to their husbands who would in turn notify Ross White. Better still! As the ladies are invited to the annual general meeting night (September) to finalise arrangements for the Ball, it would perhaps be a good opportunity to finalise a scone team.

SLIPWAY: The slips continue to be heavily booked. Secure your booking well in advance.

SOCIAL EVENTS: Foremost on the list of social events is the Fancy Dress Night to be held on July 27th at 8 p.m. This night is always a very popular one on the club calendar, so roll up this time and make it the best night ever.

Presentation night will be on August 31st. A delightful social night but with the added interest of the presentation of the trophies for last season races. By the way! If you still have not donated a trophy for the forthcoming season and would like to, there is still time by contacting Ross White by not later than 31st August.

As a note on the popularity of our social events. Over ninety people attended the dinner dance at the Hampton Hotel

on July 19th last. Truly it was a night to remember. Floor Show even proved a little hair-raising, for Charlie Arthur. Or is it that he doesn't like spinach ?

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH:

If you are a self-starter, your boss doesn't have to be a crank.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

July 27th	8 p.m. at Club	Fancy Dress Social
August 6th	8 p.m. at Club	Nomination Night.
August 31st	8 p.m. at Club	Social and Presentation Night.
September 3rd	8 p.m. at Club	Election night and Annual General Meeting. Ladies also invited to this night to finalise Ball arrangements.

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SEPTEMBER  
1963

EDITOR  
R.B.

### SECRETARY'S REPORT 1962-63:

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

During the year twenty-four new members were enrolled, the membership standing at 126.

The lease of the Island for a period of twenty-five years has been received from the Council, signed by all parties.

As mentioned in last year's report the design of the proposed bridge as submitted by Eric Underdown, was approved by Council during the year. The Public Works Dept. concurred, and finally Carlton and United Breweries agreed to the pile driver and mobile crane being brought on to their property. Subsequently instructions have been given for the piles to be driven into the creek and the steel has been ordered. (At the time of writing has been delivered.) It is hoped that soon the punt will be a thing of the past and we will enjoy the pleasure of walking across the bridge.

The new moorings in the swinging basin at the rear of Mr. Allnutt's property have been allocated to the Club. Several applications have been received and the first boat is in occupation.

The Balance Sheet while being similar to the previous year's again reflects the continued stable position of the Club, the Committee, while still carrying out the necessary maintenance had to curb spending to pave the way for the payment of the bridge project.

The Club's section of the Island with its green well-cut lawns and generally clean appearance is a credit to members and is in sharp contrast to other sections.

Our Social events covering Smoke Night, Annual Ball, Monthly Socials, and Devon Teas is excellent proof of the untiring efforts of the Social Secretary and his assistants.

Our Sporting programme has been well patronised, (in Interclub events we gained second and third places in the Whalley Cup) concluding with the presentation of Trophies at the August Social on Saturday 31st. Thanks to the Handicappers for a job well done.

Due to the efforts of some of the members we rank one of the recognized clubs in the City of Mordialloc with favourable status in Council.

During the year the Committee Members attended meetings as follows: R. Blackmore and R. White, 11, K. Clayton, J. Smith, E. Underdown, R. Blades, A. Bowden, W. Lipscombe, 10, E. Dixon, 9, J. Daniel, G. Bates, D. Young, 6, P. Blackmore and A. Brett, 5.

This report would not be complete without a mention of the sterling work carried out during the year by the Assistant Secretary, from running raffles to cutting lawns, Jim's activities are too numerous to mention.

In conclusion I would like to pay tribute to our Commodore Ross Blackmore. During my association with this Club it has been fortunate with it's choice of Commodores, each has contributed in some way to the present successful position of the Club, and our present Commodore is a worthy successor, sparing no effort to carry out his many tasks in a manner befitting his office.

Honorary Secretary, Ross White.

#### ALONG THE WATERFRONT:

When discussing the recent working bee on the Island I forgot to thank the ladies who were cleaning up the Clubrooms. Very sorry girls.

There are still quite a few members who have not paid their Annual Subscriptions for the forthcoming year. Would those members concerned please do so as soon as possible, if not sooner.

Well the practical work has finally started on the bridge by courtesy of R.E. Blades and Company (alias Dick). Incidentally the steel was supplied by the

same firm that supplied the material for the King Street Bridge, let's hope it doesn't suffer the same fate.

It was moved at the Annual General Meeting that Mr. Ray Moagher, MLA for the District, and the Mayor be elected Honorary Members for the forthcoming year.

One of the Club boats was recently broken into in the form of Bry-Connie-Dee. It was discovered that a pair of binoculars and a couple of bottles of soft drink had been stolen. Would anybody finding their boat broken into please report it to the local Police.

The Slipway prices have been slightly raised and stand as follows: £1.10.0 per week and £1.0.0 for any small job taking less than four hours. I would also like to remind members there are only two days left on which to slip your boat between now and Christmas. And also would you mind cleaning up after you have finished.

When fitting new mooring posts in the future, they are to be of the following materials - 4" x 4" Redgum or New 2" Galvanized Water Pipe. This applies anywhere in the Creek.

It has been decided to make this year's Open Day Sail-Past on November 17th the best yet, so we are counting on you, the Member, to help to make it really one out of the box by coming along and joining in. There is nothing looks better I don't think than a well organized event of this kind.

Dear Member,

With the construction of the bridge connecting the Island with the Mainland now in progress, the need for more funds has now become an urgent matter. The recent issue of debentures was mainly to finance this project. If you have not already subscribed to this issue, it is your Committee's desire that you do so immediately, therefore you are requested to take at least one £5 Debenture returning an Interest Rate of 5% P.A. This is an investment.

Your Committee has the power to raise money by compulsory levy or Debenture issue, but is reluctant to resort to pressure. Therefore you are urged to be a Subscriber as the bridge will be of benefit to you, your family and your friends.

If you are embarrassed, a confidential word to the Secretary is all that is needed.

If you have already subscribed and desire to

make a further investment your action would be greatly appreciated by the Committee.

Yours faithfully,  
The Executive Committee.

STOP PRESS:

A Reminder that if Mooring Fees are not paid by 31st October that 50% increase will be charged.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Social at Clubhouse  
Annual Ball  
Smoke Night  
Open Day with Sail-Past

September 28th.  
October 4th.  
November 8th.  
November 17th.

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OCTOBER, 1963

EDITOR -- R. B.



#### EDITORIAL:

Well I think I could safely say that nobody will be sad to see the old punt go to make way for the new bridge, which we hope to have finished in the near future. The concrete foundations on the Island have been poured, the piles driven, and Dick Blades with the assistance of Charlie Higginbotham, George Bates and a few others have the construction of the actual bridge well on the way. It should be ready to lift into position early in November. (Providing it does not sag in the middle like the King Street Bridge, as I have heard the term 'High Tensile' used in relation to the bolts being used). So keep eating your Weeties, you He-Men. After which we will have to fit the decking which is to be of timber construction, a job which will require a few younger hands to tighten the nuts underneath from a boat. When the bridge is completed a gate will be erected on the mainland side with a lock fitted. Each Club Member will be able to purchase a key for the cost of £1. The only other people with a key will be Police and Fire Brigade. Since we will have no further use for the punt it will be handed over to the Sea Scouts.

Did you know that the final cost of the bridge is expected to be in excess of £1,000. In order to meet this cost it is essential for the Club to ask the Members to assist by loaning money to the Club in the form of Debentures which are available from the Club Secretary at a cost of £5. each. By doing this you are not only helping the Club but also helping yourself, as these Debentures earn interest at a rate of 5%

per annum, which is more than normal Bank Interest. As the bridge will be a great advantage to every Club Member and also a step forward in the Club's future it is the Commodore's aim for each Club Member, including Crew Members, to purchase at least one Debenture each, or more if you so desire.

It is intended to move the bridge from its present position on October 27th, and we would like to see as many Members as possible there to assist.

#### ALONG THE WATERFRONT:

Male drivers are usually cursing women drivers for driving too slow on the roads. However, we have an exception in our Club as Mrs. (Stirling) Sames was recently booked and fined £5 for speeding.

I think it is worth chalking up that Keith Glennister was rather quiet at the last General Meeting. He must have been feeling a bit off color, and so it was quite an uneventful evening. We trust he will be back in full force next month. Get well quick Keith.

The Port Phillip Power Boat Association will hold it's Sail-Past in the top end of the Bay in December. This colourful event will be viewed by the Governor. It will be held sometime in December. Further details are available from Ross Blackmore. Also do not forget our own Opening Day Sail Past will be held on 17th November. This event is expected to be viewed by quite a few people, so let's have lots of boats and lots of fun.

Don't forget racing numbers are to be carried and displayed in all races including Club Events. They are to be black on a white background two feet square. The letters and numerals are to be eighteen inches high and two inches thick.

The Annual Ball turned out to be a very good night and anybody who did not have a good time could not blame the organizers. Charlie Arthur did an excellent job as Master of Ceremonies and the Band also did a good job. The supper was very enjoyable, but I understand there was a shortage of Crayfish. 204 guests attended.

Now that the Ball is over we can all look forward to the Smoke Night to be held at the Bridge Hotel, Mordialloc on November 8th. A professional entertainer has been engaged so it should also be a good night. Tickets are available from Social Secretary, Bill Lipscombe for £1. each.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Social at Clubhouse - 26th October.  
Smoke Night - 8th November.  
Opening Day with Sail-Past - 17th November.  
Children's Christmas Party - 8th December.

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## "CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY"

Well! The time for Santa to visit the Island is almost here again, December 8th is the day. Bring along your own or somebody else's kids to make Santa welcome. Ice Cream, Drinks, Sweets and Novelties will be supplied, but you are asked to bring a gift for each child that comes with you. Please wrap the parcel and put the child's name on it, (very clearly) and hand it to an official when you arrive at the Island. Santa will arrive at Three P.M. sharp, so be there early (about 2.30 P.M.). Please let one of the following people know before November 30th how many children you will be bringing. -

Charlie Watt,	Timms Court, Kilsyth.
Jim Smith,	379 - 3007.
Ross White,	FU 1632.

The Ladies are asked to bring along a plate of eats to provide afternoon tea for the adults.

A large Christmas Stocking and five Consolation Prizes are being raffled to provide funds for this Party so get your tickets from Jim Smith and sell them frantically. The raffle will be drawn on December 14th at the Christmas Social.

The Slipway Master wishes to remind Members that the Slipway is booked out until Christmas, and that bookings are now open for 1964. I do not think you would find better amenities for slipping small craft anywhere around the Bay.

### BEER APPRECIATION:

If you cannot refrain from drinking, why not start a Hotel in your own home? Be the only customer and you will not have to buy a Licence.

Give your wife £7.12.0 to buy 4 cartons of Beer. There are 240 drinks in 4 cartons. Buy all your drinks from your wife 1/- per glass. At the end of 7 days (when all the Beer has gone), your wife will have £4.8.0 to put in the Bank and £7.12.0 to buy 4 more Cartons of Beer.

If you live 20 years and continue to buy all your drinks from your wife, then die in your boots, your widow will have £4,576, enough to bring up your children, pay off the mortgage on your house, marry a decent man and forget she ever knew a soak like you.



NOVEMBER, 1963.

EDITOR - R. B.

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EDITORIAL:

It was moved that a vote of thanks be passed on to Dick Blades for the magnificent job he made when building the Bridge which links the Island with the mainland to replace our rather ancient (to say the least) Punt. However, within a few days of this move being made I received a letter from Dick which I will re-write for you.

" To the Editor of the Anchor,

Sir, Since the completion of the Club Bridge over the Creek at Mordialloc I have been the recipient of many complimentary messages and congratulatory remarks, so I would like to take the opportunity through your valuable columns to explain to your readers just what a community effort the building of the Bridge was.

Firstly there was the spade work of getting through the scans of red tape in the Public Works Department and the local Council, before permission was granted to build the Bridge. Here credit must go to our Commodore Mr. Blackmore, and our Honorary Secretary Mr. White for the tenacity with which they stuck to this task. Then there was the design of the Bridge and the making up of working drawings, a job which was well carried out by Mr. Eric Underdown. Ted Dixon undertook the no small task of getting the ledger on top of the piles, and striking the levels on the Island for the setting up. My mind runs back to the army of workers too numerous to mention by name, who toiled to transfer two cubic yards of heavy concrete from the Hotel Yard to the

Island. The fabrication of the actual steelwork was my special "Baby". But here again I cannot speak too highly of the assistance extended to me by Mr. George Bates to whom near enough is not good enough, and also to Mr. Charlie Higginbotham and Brian Dawes, all of whom spent many week days on the job with me.

Jim Smith and Jack Prince worked like trojans on the wooden decking, and Craig Bowman, Dave Slott, Stan Kennedy, Bill Lipscombe, Charlie Watt, Charlie Lauder and Keith Glenister were always willing slaves to the project, and most times lurking in the background with his movie camera was Leo Mercer. So later on the silver screen a picture of what I have tried to portray by these few lines, and perhaps do justice to any folk I have forgotten to mention. This bridge job, Sir, was truly a community effort and the Club should be proud of including in its membership men of such sterling qualities as those who took part in this big job.

Yours faithfully,  
Richard E. Blades."

Well I personally would like to thank everybody that had anything to do with the building of the Bridge, especially Dick who has done a job which can be described as nothing less than remarkable. As far as strength goes I think our Bridge would rate with the best of its kind around Melbourne. And we hope better than a certain larger one.

A vote of thanks also to Charlie Watt who offered to supply rubber for the hand-rails on the Bridge which was accepted with acclamation.

#### ALONG THE WATERFRONT:

Our Opening Day was very well attended by Club Members and Sail-Past the best ever. It was rather disappointing to note that it attracted very little public interest.

This was followed by the First Race of the Season, the "Commodore's" Trophy, which was won by 'Mr. Accurate', George Bates. Congratulations George. Second and third placings were taken by two old hands Jack Prince and Jack Daniels respectively.

Members please note that the gate to the Bridge is now fitted and locked. Keys are available from either of the following people at a cost of £1. each. Ross White, Dick Blades or Jim Smith. The Punt will not be in operation as from December 3rd when it will either

be given to the Sea Scouts or pulled up onto the Island.

Best wishes to Doug Young who spent a couple of days in Hospital as the result of a fall from the Clubhouse steps, and is now recovering at home. I feel sure all Members will join with me in wishing Doug a speedy recovery.

The Cruise and Barbecue held on Sunday November 24th was not very well attended. However, nothing was lost as the sea turned out to be quite choppy. A couple of the more adventurous types braved the waves while most of the others escaped the grips of Island fever and did a little bit of homework that has probably needed doing for a few weeks while the Bridge was in its construction stages.

The Club has promised to stage a display of some kind at Cordialloc for the Red Cross on March 15th next year. The Executive Committee would appreciate any suggestions from Members in the way of entertainment we could offer.

Remember Childrens' Xmas Party which is to be held on the Island on December 8th. Please inform Jim Smith, 379-3007 (Phone), Charlie Watt, Timms Court, Kilsyth, or Ross White 37-1632 of how many children you will be bringing, as soon as possible if you haven't already done so.

Santa will arrive by boat at 3 p.m. Sharp. The ladies are requested to bring a plate to provide afternoon tea for the adults.

A night which should prove to be very good is the Xmas Social to be held at 8 p.m. at the Clubhouse. And remember No Punt - No excuses.

The Port Phillip Power Boat Association recently decided to run a round the Bay Race sometime next year. This could turn out to be quite an interesting endurance event. Further details on this will be available at a later date.

Well, I think everybody must have enjoyed themselves at the Annual Smoke Night as there was a pretty fair amount of amber liquid consumed. The entertainer who was a magician also proved to be very good. However, somebody in their happy humour managed to walk away with a box of table decorations which were momentarily left in the passage way of the building. Would anybody knowing the whereabouts or seeing this box being taken please contact the Social Secretary, Bill Lipscombe, as these decorations were intended to be used again.

A warning to Members when negotiating your way out of the Creek in your boats to beware of rowing boats that may get in your way. These boats may not look much but they are

fairly solid and can cause damage even to the heavier planked type of hull. Also beware of swimmers around the mouth of the Creek.

I hope you will accept my humble apologies for this month's edition of the Anchor being a little late, but I have been studying for Exams. I am sure you will all wish me all the best. (AHM.)

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DATES TO REMEMBER:

Children's Xmas Party	-	December 8th.
Xmas. Social	-	December 14th.

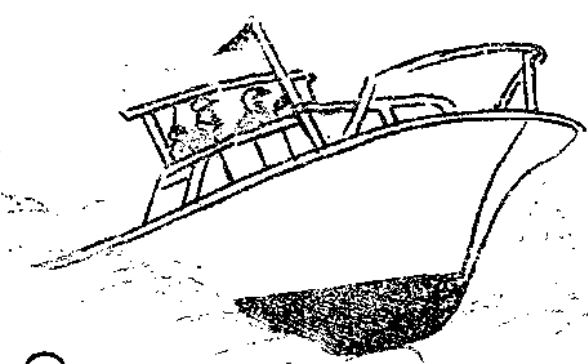
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WAVE



EDITORIAL:

With what more fitting way could the Club year close but with the final approval and signing of the lease for our portion of the Island has taken place. Every member who has worked for this goal will now rest assured that his labours have not been in vain and that the culmination of this ideal should be recorded as one of the great landmarks in our Club history.

Let us, however, not rest here, but continue to further our aims so that the name of the Mordialloc Motor Yacht Club and of Power Boating in general shall always be regarded with the respect commanded by all who go down to the sea in ships.

And with this note I now lay down my pen (or typewriter) as Editor of the 'Anchor'. It is two years now since I undertook this task and in keeping with the democratic attitude of this Club in which the policy is "Let everyone have a go", I now intend to hand over to another (or others). During my two years as Editor I have endeavoured to write a little of interest for all, embarking at times on humour, Philosophy, Poetry, Drama and even some Fashion News on one occasion. I thank my readers for their interest and comments and especially those who supplied snippets of news. On this last point I would remind you not to forget the new Editor, whoever he might be. The Editor's job is a hard one and every little bit of news or an item can be a big help to him as well as being very interesting reading for fellow members. Remember, this is your Club Newspaper, through it the Club's activities thrive and your interest in it is your interest in the Club.

## ALONG THE WATERFRONT:

The Working Bee which was held on Sunday 11th of August was very well attended. A few of the jobs which were completed were - the completion of the Tea-tree fence in front of the wood-heap, cleaning up of the Tea-tree hedge on the south side of the Island and lifting of the old side slip rails, plus many other jobs. Thanks to all Members who turned up and special thanks to Frank Pearse for giving us the loan of his paint removing equipment, etc.

Incidentally Dave McGuffie had quite an interesting day. Mid. afternoon after all the work was completed he decided to go for a short cruise to shake the worms off the bottom of his boat and became stuck in the mud at the mouth of the Creek. After finally moving it off he returned to the Island. Approximately one hour later he was seen changing a wheel on his car next to the plantation on the Nepean Highway.

Mr. Keith Glennister has been appointed skipper of the Punt. He maintains that he will gladly assist any Member with this not so difficult chain pulling task. Anyone requiring the assistance of this able skipper may contact Keith anytime within the next six week or so under the slipway cover. He may even be able to blow it across the Creek.

Mr. Bert Bowden went to the Fancy Dress as Doctor Gilbert Bogle. There is a rumour going around that he tried to commit suicide the following day by jumping off his boat into the Creek.

It was also noted on the day of the Working Bee that major excavation works were being carried out on a couple of new moorings allotted to the Club on the East side of the Creek. The silver stemmed smoking pipe of Mr. George Waltzer being comparable to the smoke stack of a steam shovel. Good work fella's.

Final approval by Carlton and United Breweries to bring pile driving equipment and a mobile crane through the Hotel yard to assist in the building of the Bridge. Work is expected to start in the very near future. Thanks to Mr. Dick Blades for offering to fabricate the bridge on the Island.

## ANCHOR OF EDITOR -

At the launching into the Sea of Matrimony at Blackburn on the seventeenth of August by Sue and Ken Clayton, members of M.M.Y.C. were represented by

Mr. and Mrs. Blades, Mr. and Mrs. Withers. At the reception Ken and his lovely bride had a toast proposed by Mr. Blades, which had an appropriate nautical air, Ken's reply was one on similar lines.

Members will have the opportunity of congratulating them at the Presentation Night when they expect to be back from their Honeymoon up North.

So a good sort joins a good sport as a permanent member of the good ship "Dart", and will provide added strength to the Clayton Team.

FLAG OFFICERS AND COMMITTEEMEN NOMINATED FOR ELECTION were as follows:-

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	A. Brett, E. Dixon,
	C. Bowmen, C. Taylor,
	L. Spriggs, B. Dawes,
Crew Member on Committee	E. Underdowne.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Social at Clubhouse	31st August.
Annual Meeting	3rd September.
Annual Ball	4th October.
Smoke Night	8th November.

Please note that there are only four vacant days on which to slip your boat between now and Christmas. Get in now and don't be disappointed.

A vote of thanks to Ross Blackmore for the good work he has done over the past twelve months as Commodore of the Club.

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