



The Anchor

MMYC Newsletter – Spring into Spring - 2022

Mordialloc Motor Yacht Club Inc. A0034091Y

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THE ANCHOR DIARIES

16 September – 2022	Sutton off Sutton Musical night (Upper Hall. 7.00 PM)
30 September – 2022	Open Mic. Night (at the Sutton Lounge 6.00 PM)
4 October -2022	Monthly General Meeting 7:30 PM
8 October – 2022	Working Bee. (8.30 AM – 12.00 midday)
23 October - 2022	MMYC Opening Day. (From 10.30 AM. On the lawns)
8 November - 2022	Monthly General Meeting 7:30 PM
19 November -2022	Sounds of the Seventies Night (Upper Hall 6.30 PM)
6 December – 2022	Christmas Party. Details to follow.

30 September 2022

OPEN MIC NIGHT

23 October 2022

MMYC Opening Day



19 November 2022

SOUNDS OF THE SEVENTIES

After the success of the previous event, we are running another Seventies night with the same six-piece band including two fabulous singers.

So, dust off those dancing platforms and come along for a night of nostalgic fun. Costumes optional. Bunnings have generously donated a BBQ and two \$50 vouchers for a raffle, with tickets to be sold on the night and drawn during the evening.

Date Saturday 19 November 2022.

Time Arrive from 6.30 PM. Dinner 7 PM. Band 7.30 PM to 10 PM.

Dinner comprises roast meats, jacket potatoes and salads.

Cost \$40 per person.

Contact christine.fffrench@bigpond.com with requests for tables including numbers.

Book through <https://www.trybooking.com/CCULL> Bookings close 6 PM 7 November 2022

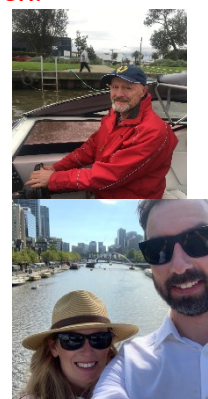
This is to be an outdoor event, weather permitting. Drinks available at bar or BYO. Over 18's only. Guests must adhere to current COVID regulations such as double vax. Please do not park in Doyle's carpark. **Beach Car Park at Mordialloc Sailing Club will be open.**

Occupational Health and Safety - John McLoughlin -

All issues attended to with AED defibrillator refresher training session held for three clubs at the General Meeting.

2022 New Members - Tim and Belinda Williams, Roy McDougall

No New members these last few weeks. It is certainly encouraging to have had such a run of new boaties joining the club. Many of the new members have become very active and there could be some new leadership potential amongst them.



Moorings - Rangi Saluni - The upheaval on the South Wall is moving toward completion.

What a trial that has been. We thank all members for their patience and hopefully we can start moving boats back into position soon. Currently all moorings are filled, with several vessels on the waiting list. Most of these are in the 6-7 metre range.



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Hi crew.

Well, here is the latest edition which just kept growing from what was going to be a single page call to order for the AGM. You can certainly tell Spring has Sprung and the activity around the club has accelerated proportionally. Somewhere in this production there are some diary dates for you to refer to. These are the up front obvious social and formal meeting dates but there is a lot going on in the background that our committee have to deal with continually.

Welcome to the new Committee and all the best for the year. Being on the Committee is no mean feat and the pressures can sometimes be enormous and distracting for the volunteers that take on the job. **‘Basically we are Just a hobby boat club’**, as observed many years ago by one of our prominent members on the South Wall. And he is right. Keep that in mind and make sure you enjoy your club and put in some commitment to your club, as you do the sea.

AN INTERESTING OBSERVATION:

“I really don’t know why it is that all of us are so committed to the sea, except I think it’s because in addition to the fact that the sea changes, and the light changes, and ships change, it’s because we all came from the sea. And it is an interesting biological fact that all of us have in our veins the exact same percentage of salt in our blood that exists in the ocean, and, therefore, we have salt in our blood, in our sweat, in our tears. We are tied to the ocean. And when we go back to the sea – whether it is to sail or to watch it – we are going back from whence we came.” John F. Kennedy

Armchair Sailor

What a wonderful friend Armchair Sailor has been to many of us over the dark winter months. I’m looking forward to next winter in the hope Armchair Sailor will continue to offer the ‘who said that’. This month is a great one. No matter how many times I read it I still find myself analysing it.

And frustratingly I can’t find who said ‘

‘I’m not sure I want to Have what I don’t have

As much as I want to keep what I do have’.

Thanks to Steve Quirk and his team for entertaining us throughout winter and giving us the chance to *think a bit*.



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ARMCHAIR SAILOR



Ready about ... spring cleaning and maintenance ... or a book ?

An online laugh, book review, mystery quote, a link to the Skipper's Shelf and Horizon where books are free to access, read and chat about ... its all free and online and part of the MMYC's contribution to the wider community intrigued by Port Phillip Bay!

Winter is done, repairs are being completed, and sailors are re-emerging outdoors. But 'ready about'! The MMYC suggests the spring season's still chilly evenings are good to spend with a book and friends so 'log-in' and come join us and have fun with who said that, and ... even win the odd prize!

To access just click on
<http://mmyc.com.au/armchair-sailor>

Make fast and come aboard!

October's Book of the month



The saying three sheets to the wind has at least two meanings, but in this context it's a book that tells the story of William Clark an illicit rum runner who with the assistance of six indigenous clans in 1796 saw more of the east coast than Joseph Banks



WHO SAID THAT



Join our winners circle by guessing who said ...

" I'm not sure I want to have what I don't have as much as I want to keep what I do have"

ON THE HORIZON



We'll be featuring 4 books over the 2022 spring period to read, chat about and review- we're going to spread it out so that everyone can access them.



By popular demand, the MMYC has brought back Armchair Sailor as a springtime activity in 2022. With 10,200 log ins over the last 12 months we kinda thought that we should as so many people were interested ... so we will be continuing Armchair Sailor throughout Spring 2022 (i.e. until end November 2022)



ARMCHAIRSAILOR & MMYCSAY THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS. . .



MMYC acknowledges especially the support and contribution of Kingston Libraries

Make fast
&
come aboard ☺
... Steve Quirk





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An update on the South Wall –



Wayne Imlach has been keeping a keen eye on the slow but sure progress on the reinstatement of the south wall sheet pilings and mooring renovations. He reports as follows:

THE WALL. The second last pour of concrete will be done this week with a final 6 metres to be formed up and poured thereafter. There may be some work at the mouth also. The walkway panels above the Wave Baffles will also need to be refitted. Fitting of courtesy line mounts and side wall eyelets will follow with replacement of boarding ramps.

ELECTRICITY. The electricity is still to be put in place. Reece (Parks Vic) advised at Creek Community meeting a week ago contractor awaiting fabrication of stainless-steel boxes.

WATER. We were hoping to get the opportunity to move Water points over beside the 4 Electricity boxes with an extended EXTRA run to the Allnutts Eastern end.

FINAL SURFACING. Garry Hosie (Mordialloc Sailing Club) 'MSC' and I had a meeting with the project foreman in regards to the what, when and how of the final surfacing of roads, pathways and grassed areas.

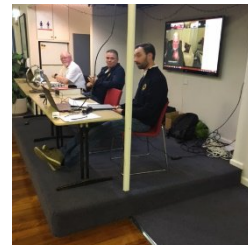
OTHER. I asked David if the Electrician is supplying all new stainless-steel boxes, we would like to retain the old ones for possible club / clubs use.

Mooring Holders will soon be advised of the process to return to their moorings.

Advice requested. in regards the actual supply of hardware for mooring vessels and individual mooring holders drilling and fitting their own eyelets, rings etc. What are the regulations on independent fitting?



MMYC Newsletter – SPECIAL EDITION—ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



The MMYC Annual General Meeting was held on Tuesday night September 6th.

A solid audience both real and virtual with new members and VIP guest Gary Anderson (Commodore Sandringham YC) attended to see the 2021/2022 Committee dissolved and new Committee elected and introduced. There were no contested positions therefore no need for voting. All nominees were accepted and allocated to Committee positions as follows.

Commodore	Jamie Dorrity
Vice Commodore	Stephen Beashel
Rear Commodore	Tim Williams
Secretary	Dennis O'Hara
Treasurer	Matthew Christopher
General	Rangi Saluni
General	John Chalmers
General	Carol Flanagan
General	Nancy Cook
General	Ray Cook
Immediate Past Commodore	Byron Douglas.

It's excellent to see so many new faces making up this Committee. The mix of longer term members with the new faces of last year and even more new faces this year bodes well for a strong ongoing team running an ever more complex club. Fair winds and kind seas to you from the ordinary members.



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GREG POWER AWARDED HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP



Congratulations to Greg Power. At this years Annual General Meeting Greg was awarded both a 25 year member recognition and **Honorary Life Membership.**

Greg Power has been a 'power house' within the MMYC community over many years. It can be noted that 25 years ago the MMYC was very much a Log Trial and fishing club. The club house and many of its fleet, at that stage, were bordering on derelict. Greg Power was very much the driving force and visionary that established a small but increasing fleet of trailable yachts. Greg saw them as a powerful new boating division from which much needed revenue could assist in improvements to a failing club. Greg Power was assisted by many but took the development of the yachting fleet personally. For many years he has vigorously pursued each and every inquiry and turned many into memberships. The yachting fleet continued to grow and now makes up 50% of the overall fleet. The MMYC fleet is now the largest trailable Yacht fleet on Port Phillip.

During these 25 years Greg has been a willing helper to anyone needing assistance on the slipway. He has spent many years assisting with allocation, maintenance, and inevitable moorings issues. Greg was the instigator of the first foray into new water sporting activities for the club, introducing a Sea Kayak division in the mid 1900s. He nurtures the gardens and lawns and attends the Yachting Australia meetings on behalf of the MMYC. Like many, Greg has used most of his energies to assist and prop up the MMYC wherever possible.

Well done, Greg. Thanks, from the MMYC.



MMYC OPENING DAY EXTRAVAGANZA 2022

*The last time we all enjoyed an Opening Day on the island was October 2019. Up until then the Opening Day was the club's largest and most important event each year on the Island. Indeed, as many of you are new members, you may have little idea of what Opening Day is all about. **Below we offer the program from the past but it will give you an idea of what happens on this action packed day. It really should not be missed.***

MMYC Opening Day is an opportunity for members to catch up, boats to be cleaned and readied for the on water sail past. Sibling clubs are invited to the Island, MMYC in turn are invited to sibling clubs' Opening Days and local traders are invited to share their services locally. It's a wonderful day of club and community involvement and appreciation of where we all stand in the community.

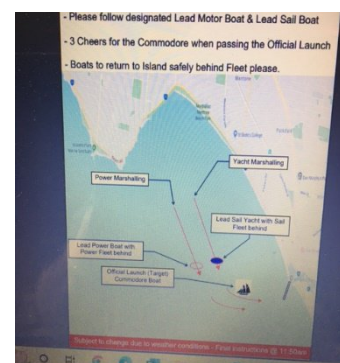
Many clubs have long standing Opening Day rituals to bless the fleet and all those who make passage on the ships and boats within the fleet. In some clubs the young members dive for important objects, others pray to a range of Gods that determine our weather and our safety at sea. For a long time we have welcomed Reverend Graeme Disney to bless our fleet and send us safely on our way to sea for the coming year.

During the day we enjoy the company of visitors from sibling clubs, local traders, past Commodores and Flag Officers, local politicians, councillors and emergency services. **All our fleet are asked to take part in the on water "Sail Past".** An experience not to be forgotten. Prizes are for best dressed boats and crews.

Back to the Island for Lunch, music by live bands, dancing and a joyful opportunity to just be part of the Island Community.

Example of OPENING DAY PROGRAMME

- 10:30am Arrival on Lambert Island (Finger Food available)
- 11:00am Welcome BY Vice Commodore
- 11:10am National Anthem
- 11:15am: Commodores address
- 11:30am - State MP Mordialloc
- 11:35am Official Season Opening- Kingston Mayor
- 11:40am Blessing of the Fleet - Reverend Graeme Disney
- 11:50am Sail Past Instructions - Rear Commodore
- 12:00pm Sail Past - Fleet departs Island
- 1:30pm Lunch is served , Band begins to play and the best dressed boats and crews are announced.





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MMYC OPEN MIC. NIGHT FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 30, 2022



DRINKS AND NIBBLES FROM 6.00PM

For obvious covid reasons we have not hosted the very popular Open Mic.(rophone) night in recent years. Well, an upsurge in enquiries and increase in the natural talent within our mighty club sees the reintroduction of the Open Mic. Night.

Members with any recognisable level of talent are invited to come along and share this talent with fellow members, family, and roving talent scouts. This might be the place where your life changes for you !!!

“Talent” = Natural Aptitude or Skill.

“Skill” = Cleverness at doing something resulting from practice or natural ability.

You don't necessarily need either of those traits for our Open Mic. Night !??? Just come along and perform. We will be the judge.

We are looking for the following:

Musicians,

Singers,

Poets,

Comedians (intentional or not),

Story Tellers (this category open to all fisherman and sailors),

Magicians,

Artistes,

Contortionists,

Knot tiers.

Etc etc. You get the idea.

The idea is that we have a lot of fun, probably at someone expense, get the members together and just have a jolly good time.

SAVE THE DATE: LIFE OFFERS THESE OPPORTUNITIES ONLY RARELY



OPEN MIC. NIGHT

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

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Women on Water (WoW)

September Newsletter

Steering the Course 30th September – 9th October

In 27 countries, Steering the Course is aimed at providing opportunities for women and girls to get into sailing and encourage pathways into coaching and race management

Join in on this opportunity at MMYC and be part of this World-wide event

Calling All Ladies and girls for Sunday the 9th of October (weather permitting) to participate in a fun sailing race and social gathering afterwards.

This will be a great opportunity to either “give it a go,” or to try a different role in a supportive environment e.g helming. Also, to be able to get together and meet each other.

Whilst we would love you out on the water, if you prefer, you can also just join us for the after race social gathering, especially if your interests are around power boating, navigation rallies, fishing or just purely social.

Notices have been placed in the BBQ area asking Skippers and ladies to indicate their participation in this event or you can simply email your interest to info@mmyc.com.au.

SheSails National Conference 2022 Registrations are now open for Australian Sailing 2022 SheSails National Conference. The event will be a webinar at 6pm (AEDT) on Wednesday 5th October, and will champion female involvement in sailing and aims to empower attendees to reach their full potential. This year's inspirational guest speaker line up includes:

- Jessica Watson OAM, SheSails Ambassador, sailor and pioneer will discuss her experiences; how she had a dream, worked hard at it, and proved that anything is possible.
- Nina Curtis, Olympian and trailblazer, will discuss her journey that has taken her to the Olympics and ultimately becoming the first female on the Australian SailGP team.
- <https://www.shesails.org.au/news/registration-now-open-for-the-2022-shesailsconference-event/>

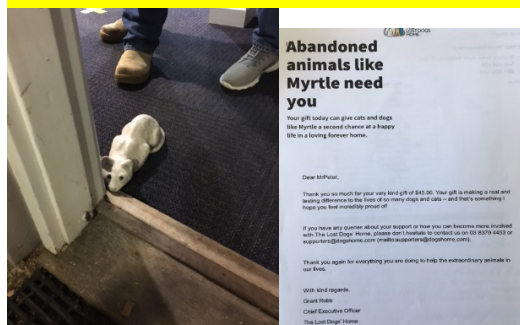


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MEET “ZEUS” THE CAT KEEPER OF THE SUTTON LOUNGE.

It was a couple of months ago, whilst imbibing in fine mugs of warm Glühwein generously donated by Helen, that a conversation took place as to why the Sutton Lounge Cat has no name.

A competition was decided upon which attracted, over time, 44 suggested names for the unnamed cat.

Questions were asked. Where did the cat come from? How long has it been here? Why has no one ever given it a name? etc. Some research was done into the cat's history, and this is what we found out.

The cat is old. Born in 1947 by “C” section (concrete section) making her 75 years old. She arrived at the club via the Deegans of Aspendale around 10 years ago and was put to work immediately, minding the Sutton Lounge doors. Prior to that we learn that the cat resided most of her earlier life in Nelson Street Sandringham. Nelson Street was a family home where generations came and went until finally only Auntie Bri (Auntie of the Deegans of Aspendale) was the sole occupant. Just her and the cat. Auntie Bri lived almost her entire 101 year life in the Nelson Street address and it seems the cat was there for 65 years before finding its way to the MMYC.

With great excitement the 44 names were put in the barrel on AGM night with the name Zeus (Sue Halliwell) being selected first followed by Fluffy (Christine Ffrench) being second name drawn out. Thank goodness Zeus was first.

Sue received a \$50 Bunnings voucher for her trouble whilst Christine won second prize of a very flash light (compliments Aussie Disposals). \$45.00 was also donated to the Lost Dogs and cats home.

So **“ZEUS”** it is.



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MMYC Working Bee



MMYC Working Bee Tasks to Clean up the island before Open Day on Sunday 23rd October 2022

Hi all,

It's Spring and before you know it we will be crossing that bridge on a warm day to enjoy our beautiful island. BUT... there are some areas to tidy up on the island to make it sparkle and look well maintained.

Join us on Saturday morning 8th October at the working bee - Come join us for the annual working bee morning on the island followed by a sumptuous BBQ lunch with the bar open, (two weeks after Grand Final day) and lets work together to clean up our space.

The clean-up tasks needed on the island are no different to those indoor and outdoor tasks around the home. Attached are photos and descriptions of most of the outdoor tasks which need doing. [Click here to view.](#)

Examples are:

Indoors

- The upstairs kitchen area could use a tidy up and clean in preparation for social events to come.
- On two doors, the old locks were removed when the new security system was installed, so there are holes to fill and paint.
- Mount sound baffles in BBQ room

Outdoors

The north east corner near the old green shed has become a dumping ground – in full view of the public across the creek.

The good news is ... there are only a few bigger jobs that need to be done on the official working bee day, eg like dismantling the green shed and carrying unwanted items across the bridge into a skip.

So... if you can't make it on the 8th October, you can do a bit of cleaning up on any day and time you like before the 8th October - Just give me a ring and together we will sort out which bits you could do in your own time to help us out. eg

- pressure washing the upstairs deck and/or the pebble mix apron to the clubhouse,
- cleaning the gutter on the pergola at the clubhouse front door,
- checking the wiring to one of the outdoor speakers (salt damaged?).

One very attractive task for people who have fireplaces is to take away surplus firewood that is not required at the club. This can be done anytime that suits you. There is a huge firewood pile near the big gum tree. It is free to a good home. (We will put into a separate pile the wood that we need for the half dozen times a year we light the hall fireplace).

I look forward to your support in looking after our island!

Give me a ring any time to discuss a task you are interested in – or anything else you have noticed needs doing.

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