



The Anchor



MMYC Newsletter – Issue Nov-Dec 2018



2017/2018 Celebrating a Sailing Season



Racing start 14.11.18 – Captured by John Wilson

WHATS ON?

- **Sailing events**
See Facebook
- **Sutton Lounge**
Friday 30th Nov
- **Christmas Celebrations**
Tues 4th December
- **Christmas Lights Cruise**
Wed 12th Dec – Patto
- **New Years Eve Party 31st Dec**

SAILING PRESENTATIONS 2017 / 2018

Sunday November 14 saw yet another strong fleet of 14 yachts take to the water in still conditions. A shortened course was organized to make sure the boats returned in time for the annual Presentation Lunch.

45 skippers, crew, friends and family arrived to a big feast whilst Commodore Byron Douglas and Sailing Directors Peter Mosby and Derek Haagsma presented trophies to the top performers of the year.



David Holter - Mojo



Mick Garrett – Sarah



Mario Barbieri – Hot Stuff



Steve Beashel – Stop The Clock



Gerry Banham – Moondancer



Derek Haagsma – Tuscany



Peter Mosby – Tanina



Greg Power - Quiksilver



Top crew – Sunday Antics

The trophies spanned the many regattas during the year. The Summer Series, Winter series, twilight series and Thursday afternoon winter Terror series.

Over the series 25 individual yachts sailed in at least one race and a number of yachts represented the MMYC in other regattas during the year.

A huge thanks to the Race Directors Peter Mosby, Derek Haagsma, handicappers Mario Barbieri, Liz Trainer and the Power behind the whole yachting division; Greg.

Peter Banham

MMYC Social Life

Since the last Anchor, there have been two social events, Don's Party, on 26 October, and the Melbourne Cup, on 6 November. Both events were well attended by members. The weather on the morning of the Melbourne Cup wasn't good, but the afternoon became a lovely sunny day so we were able to take advantage of the grounds, which are looking fabulous at the moment. A few sweeps were run which caused much excitement as the race got underway. Special thanks to Dennis, Byron and Stewart who took turns serving on the bar.

Don's Party was a testament to the high regard in which life member Don is held.

Coming up is the Christmas break up on **Tuesday 4 December at 6pm** (don't forget to let us know if you are attending, and any names, ages and gender of children receiving gifts from Father Christmas) as well as the next Sutton Lounge on **Friday November 30**.

There is no formal General Meeting in December, but the Commodore will be giving us an update on any news. There will be no General or Committee Meeting in January.

In the wind:

A raffle with a spectacular prize. Keep your eye out for tickets. Not to be missed.

A mid-year social event with a Great Gatsby/1920's theme.

Cheers,

Christine Ffrench





DON'S PARTY

Our very special Club member Don Kempton turned 80 and celebration was held at the Sutton Lounge night on Friday 26th October.



Life Members Don and Peter Allnut



Commodores Message

Hi Everyone

Welcome to the Christmas edition of the Anchor!

As Christmas fast approaches I hope that you have a chance to get out on the water for a little while - its a great way to relax and escape from the busyness of the Christmas rush. As we prepare for the festive season we can also look back at the year and in doing so I am amazed at all that's been accomplished and wonder where 2018 went?. We celebrated the biggest opening day in years thanks to the great weather, fine food and a fantastic turnout of members, especially in the sail-past. The club house has been painted, blinds installed and modifications will soon be happening to improve storage for stock and the Sutton Lounge. We have had a great range of socials throughout the year, had some interesting speakers to the general meetings and launched new winter clothing that has been very popular. Of course the yacht racing, nav rallies and fishing competitions have all continued throughout the year.

In looking back over the year and forward to next year you'll be pleased to know that the Club continues to advocate on your behalf on a range of issues including the dredging of the creek, the removal or improvement of the condemned scout hall and the re-establishment of the Mordialloc Creek Community. Council has handed over the management of the creek to DEWLP and we will continue to work with all parties to ensure this transition is as smooth as possible. A couple of key members have also been liaising with the EPA and Melbourne Water over the huge amount of plastic that has been recently coming down the creek. Melbourne Water have had clean up crews in the creek but we have still been dismayed at the amount of micro plastic that is coming down the creek and out into the bay and neighbouring beaches. We understand that a local business has been fined but there still seems a way to go to resolve the problem.

On the home front, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has volunteered their time to keep our club humming along. There are many un-sung heroes in our club who do much of the heavy lifting, most of these jobs we would never know they have been done but without this very valuable assistance we would need to be employing expensive contractors to fill this void, so a big thank you to everyone who has assisted down at the club. I would also like to thank the committee for their huge commitment to the club including my fellow flag officers, Vice Commodore Con Stamopoulos and Rear Commodore Jamie Dorrity, our amazing secretariat and treasurer and the general committee for their leadership and hard work. I would also like to thank the committee's partners and families for their patience and support. We have also been supported by a range of generous sponsors throughout the year, we have also been well supported by Kingston Council, DEWLP and our fellow sibling clubs and I thank them for their support.

On behalf of the Committee of the MMYC I would like to wish you and your families a very happy Christmas and festive season. Please take care on the roads over the holiday period and stay safe while out boating on the bay or wherever the holiday season takes you. I hope to see you at our Christmas party next week or on the island in the next few weeks but if I don't I will look forward to catching up in 2019!

Happy boating

Byron

Byron Douglas
Commodore





Editors Ramble

Thank you for all the positive feedback on the first edition of the relaunched Anchor. I'm glad you enjoyed it. There is so much going on at club at the moment that our quarterly publication has turned monthly!

I made a foolish decision to break my wrist so sorry about the typos, the cast comes off in 2 weeks and I can't wait. Luckily it will be off so I can enjoy the summer boating season.

I'm looking forward to lazy summer days, when the bay is like a mirror and you can just go out and drift watching the sun disappear from view... ahhhh not long now

I'm not sure if it is another first but this year we are planning a Christmas Lights cruise in the canals of Patterson Lakes, don't worry, Lola knows her way around and will be your guiding boat. It really is quite a sight. More info in this edition. Please note the height restriction for getting under the bridges!

Please send in your photos, we would welcome reports from all areas! For any contributions, please drop me a line at info@mmyc.com.au.

Looking forward to your input to help make this newsletter reflect the great times we have had and will have in the future at our club.

Merry Christmas, keep safe and see you on the water!

Helen Ruhsam

Editor



Roll on summer - Lola on a dead flat bay



Gone Fishing....

Here's some inspiration for the club fishermen!



Fulvio caught these in the middle of the day!



Nice work Peter!

Get involved – time is nearly up!

THE 2018/19 PPB CLASSIC TOURNAMENT

POINT SCORING WEEKENDS ARE:



**SEPT 29TH 4AM - 30TH 11:59PM,
OCTOBER 13TH 4AM - 14TH 11:59PM
OCTOBER 27TH 4AM - 28TH 11:59PM,
NOVEMBER 17TH 4AM - 18TH 11:59
DECEMBER 1ST 4AM - 2ND 11:59PM**

FOR MORE DETAILS & ENTRY FORMS
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or 

Moorings Report



Photo by John Wilson

Hi Members,

With a number of boats currently for sale in Club moorings, this is a timely reminder to members that there is no guarantee the boat for sale will stay in its current mooring.

Please make the potential purchaser aware of this and tell them to contact the Moorings Director to discuss in detail.

We currently have an extensive waiting list of active, existing members requesting either a new mooring or relocation to a more suitable mooring as they become available.

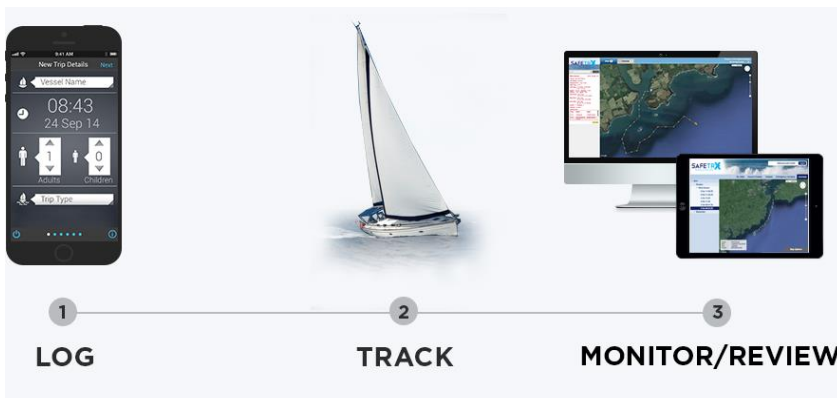
Thank you,

JAMIE DORRITY

Rear Commodore

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What is SafeTrx?



SafeTrx is safety management system for sail and power boats. Simply put, it is a boat Tracking smartphone App (the app) that transmits position, speed and heading to the Coast Guard (SafeTrx server). This allows the Coast Guard to monitor your journey at sea and alert designated emergency contacts and the Search and Rescue authority (SAR) should you fail to return on time.

Why use SafeTrx?

The SafeTrx system provides boat users who don't have or use an Automatic Identification System (AIS) on board with a free, easy, automated and reliable means to keep the SAR authorities informed of their voyage plans and location. SafeTrx is the first data source that focuses on leisure craft users without AIS to contribute to the Coast Guard a maritime situational awareness picture.

How to get SafeTrx?

On your smartphone, (iPhone, Samsung, etc...) download the app (SafeTrx) and complete the registration process by following the prompts - enter your details via your mobile phone. This is a simple process and you will soon be on your way to using SafeTrx.

How to use SafeTrx

1. Click on the SafeTrx app and Login with your email address and password; and
2. Choose from three options – (a) Explorer, (b) Sail Plan or (c) Track only.

Using Sail Plan requires you to enter your boat's name and type (sailboat, motorboat, etc.); your ETA (return time), the number of adults on-board and the activity type planned, i.e., racing, fishing, cruising, etc.; the ETA of your return. Importantly, SafeTrx then ask for a name and contact details for a contact (other than yourself or on the boat with you). This could be your next of kin or friend.

Whilst under way, SafeTrx has allows you to make an emergency call with your co-ordinates on the screen to assist rescuers

Failure to return at your given ETA will create a contact to your nominated contact and then to the emergency services. SafeTrx will have created a tracking map to assist emergency services to the vessels co-ordinates.

SafeTrx has many other features. It is recommended that a visit to the link provided below will reveal more than this article can cover.

<https://coastguard.com.au/safetrx/>

Safe boating,

Constantine Stamopoulos

Vice Commodore



MMYC

CHRISTMAS PARTY AND BARBEQUE

TUESDAY DECEMBER 4 6PM RSVP 27 NOVEMBER 2018



*Come along to the Club's annual Christmas breakup and
barbeque*

Bar will be open. Please no BYO

Face painting for the children

*Father Christmas will be making an
appearance to give gifts to the children*

Admission \$5. Children under 14 free

Please no parking in Doyle



Christmas Lights Cruise - Patterson Lakes

Wednesday 12th December - 7.30pm

See one of the unnatural wonders of the world!

Ever wondered what is behind the flood gates but were too nervous to enter the labyrinth of canals and dead ends?

Fear not! Lola and her crew are well practiced in the

MUST DO Patterson Lakes Christmas lights cruise.

Come along and marvel at the amazing lights and displays.

We will meet at the public jetties at Inner Harbour around 7.00pm, there are heaps of take away food options available so we can eat and then set off.

Darkness will fall around 8.30pm and we will enter the canals to delight in the wonders of LED lights. The Cruise will take around 1 hour, we will be sure to scout out the best displays ahead of time so your oohhhs and aahhhhs are maximised.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE ARE SOME LOW BRIDGES IN THE CANAL SYSTEM.

It will be an ebbing tide. Please check your boat will fit. Lola makes it under the bridges at high tide with about 6" to spare. The top of her mast is 2.8m from the water line.

If your boat is too high, we will do our best to get you aboard another vessel, if you don't have a boat, we will try to find you a ride. If your boat will fit and you have spare seats, please let us know and we will match you with passengers.

All is weather dependent, please contact Helen to confirm your intention to join in. If anything changes, we can keep you informed.

Hope to see you along for the cruise!

Helen & Michael

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Please note: The canals have restricted space in some parts. Vessels must have working nav lights and the appropriate safety gear for all passengers. Participants shall observe the procedures for avoiding collisions at sea as detailed in the COLREGS – International Regulations for preventing collisions at sea. To advise other Bay users potentially affected, the MMYC publishes information on upcoming boating activity events on its publicly available website and social media.

More Upcoming Events:



Celebrate at the Club -More details to come!

Mordialloc Creek Needs our help.....

As mentioned previously by Byron, our creek is under serious threat by plastic bags & miniscule pieces of plastic.

As well as the obvious threat to the environment / wildlife & the fish we catch, these plastic bags & micro plastics can do serious damage to your boat motor by blocking your cooling systems. If you see pollution occurring, the EPA can be contacted 24/7 all year around including holidays on ph 1300 372 842 or you can log online www.epa.vic.gov.au (photos are good also to help identify the source).

They are happy to get numerous reports of the same thing rather than nothing at all.

Remember, not only might you save your own motor, you might just help prevent a fellow club member breaking down out on the water as well....

Michael Ruhsam

STOP PRESS! Summer Uniform – Now Available!

Due to popular demand, a wide brimmed hat has been added to the summer collection. Seen on the catwalks of Milan and Paris, this limited edition haute couture head piece can be purchased for an amazing price of **\$15** ! Yes trend setters, see this and the full range of club wear on display at the club house.



We hope you have enjoyed reading The Anchor.
Now it's over to you.

What would you like to see more of?

Thank you to this issues contributors.

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

We are open to new ideas

Thank you, Helen

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