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MMYC Newsletter – Issue January 2019

Happy New Year MMYC !



Photo courtesy of Graeme Kane

WHATS ON?

- **Sutton Lounge**
Friday 25th Jan
- **Sailing events**
See Facebook
- **Nav Rally –**
Ross White Cup
Sunday 3rd Feb
- **MMYC/MSC Race**
Sunday 3rd Feb
- **General Meeting**
Tuesday 5th Feb
- **Sutton Lounge**
Friday 22nd Feb
- **Nav Rally**
Isle of Mordy Cup
Sunday 24th Mar
- **Salsa Night &**
Phuket Raffle Draw
Saturday 30th Mar

Mordialloc Motor Yacht Club

Invites you to compete in the

“ Ross White Cup 2019 “

on Sunday Feb 3rd, 2019 from 10:00 am

In memory of the amazing 30 plus years as Secretary of our club by the late Ross White

Entries close Jan 27th, 2019.



Contact:

Please contact nav rally coordinator Barry Matulick
on 0414364449 or email at barrymat2@gmail.com
regarding any queries you may have.

Commodores Message

Dear Members

Welcome aboard to everyone for 2019!

Greetings from the south coast of NSW where Di and I have snuck away for a nice break for the start of the year. It's a little slice of paradise in Pambula Beach where we are – no boat here for me but an awesome beach and plenty of surf. Anyway, enough about me

I am pleased to say that the committee and I are really looking forward to a great year ahead! We have already had Nav Rally training for those who want to conquer the rally on water – I want to encourage as many members as possible to get involved in the Nav Rallies – they have been an important part of our club for the past 93 years. The Isle of Mordialloc is our first one for the season and will be held on 3 Feb along with a joint Mordialloc Sailing Club and MMYC sailing event on the same day – it should be a great day on the island!

Not to be content with water activities we have another big raffle with the first prize donated to the club of an overseas holiday – more info in this issue but I encourage everyone to buy and sell as many tickets as possible with the funds going towards our new sound system in the function room.

You will also have noticed some new cupboards being installed in the Sutton Lounge and training room and they are to assist with the storing of much of the function equipment and stores that we now need as a club. You'll also notice this year that we will have more and more of our sales at the club of food, beverages and clothing electronically to make it easier for everyone.

On a sad note I have received the resignation of our Vice Commodore Con Stamopoulos who has had to step down due to additional personal commitments so he can take up a position on a company board. This opportunity was quite unexpected for Con but will involve a lot of work out of hours so unfortunately Con is not able to continue on our committee at this time. Con has been a very important member of the MMYC committee for some years and has worked to develop and implement many of our current policies, our OH&S system as well as being both Rear Commodore and Vice Commodore over his time on the committee. I am pleased to say that Con will be still an active member of the club and hopes to get out fishing as much as he can! On behalf of the club and the committee I would like to thank Con for all his wonderful contributions he has made to the club and for his wise and sage advice.

I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome Dennis O'Hara to the committee. Dennis has been assisting with developing a range of strategies and important documents for the club and we thought it would be prudent to co-opt Dennis on to the committee so that we can ensure there is good continuity and timeliness in the development of our much-needed policy documents.

Well its back to the beach for me - I hope everyone has been making the most of the warm Melbourne weather to be down the club and out on boats!

Cheers,

Byron

Byron Douglas
Commodore



Club Life...

Pat's Surprise 70th Birthday Celebrations

The last twilight race of the season may have been blown out with heavy winds, but 70 candles were blown out by Pat Cox following the abandonment of the race much to the enjoyment of those who made it down and to the surprise of Pat.

Word on the street was that Pat's wife was to drop off the cake at Derek Haagsma's house, but it almost didn't happen with some locking of gates by accident on the day. But all was well, and Pat and the twilight crew celebrated in style with an amazing chocolate cake to celebrate Pat's 70th birthday.

Pat's actual birthday is on Christmas Day and as such has rarely celebrated it other than on the big day, so he was very surprised some deft work was done to coincide with the Twilight Sailing! There were certainly many helpers to eat the cake. It was both fun and fitting to celebrate such a milestone of Pat's at the club as he is an avid sailor and is always sailing/racing at the club.

Happy Birthday from all of us at MMYC Pat!!!



MMYC & MSC Short Course Racing & BBQ Lunch



In the interests of building closer ties between these two great clubs, we are organising a combined fun race day & BBQ lunch

- MSC will provide race management (Start/Finish and Course boats) for 2 races commencing at 10.30 (normal MMYC start time) T3 or T2 courses, 45 - 60 min target time.
- Interested MSC member will be allocated as additional crew on MMYC Trailables.
- It will be suggested that role of skipper on each boat could be MMYC for one race and MSC for the second race.
- Spectator boats to be anchored at each rounding mark.
- BBQ at MMYC after racing





Mordialloc Motor Yacht Club

FABULOUS SUMMER RAFFLE

PROCEEDS TO A NEW CLUB SOUND SYSTEM



DAILY BUFFET
BREAKFAST &
SELECT LUNCH
AND DINNERS



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AIRPORT
TRANSFERS



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TO SHARE



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PLEASE RETURN CASH AND TICKET STUBS TO MMYC CLUB OFFICE
BY SUNDAY 24TH MARCH 2019



Lolas' New Year's Eve at Docklands

While many members were celebrating New Year's Eve on Lambert Island and at other unspecified locations, a couple of members made the trip up to Docklands with their boats to stay at Melbourne City Marina. A New Year's Eve package is allocated by a ballot system. As well as having secured jetties there is a fully equipped mariners lounge with toilets, showers, kitchen & BBQ's, tv & internet, papers & magazines etc. There are also the bars, restaurants & full shopping facilities of Harbour Town (all a short walk away). Two Mordy boats, Lola and Wayne Imlachs, were lucky enough to secure moorings in the heart of Docklands with a direct view of Marvel stadium.

Lola made the trip up early on the 30th from Patterson Lakes at a leisurely 6 knots taking about 3 hours & 40 minutes to get to Docklands & tie up. There was the possible excitement of crossing the shipping channel with the commercial shipping traffic as you enter the Yarra, but there was not a cargo ship in sight and the crossing was uneventful (phew!).

The marina had a wide selection of boats moored up for New Years Eve ranging from small motor boats, trailerable yachts, ketches to super yachts. Lola was fortunate to be on the super yacht jetty which is quite wide and allows visitors to set up tables & chairs on the jetty to soak in the atmosphere. After a scrumptious BBQ in the Mariners lounge it was back to the jetty to see the night out.



As Marvel stadium was one of the fireworks official sites, we had an uninterrupted view of an awesome pyrotechnic display. Don't expect to get any sleep on NYE. The local restaurants / night clubs kick on to at least 2am and residents in the adjacent apartment towers can still be going strong at 5am
(BYO ear plugs!)



New Year's Day's splendid weather allowed a trip up the Maribyrnong River, a hidden gem. Once you get past the industrial sector you are treated to sweeping parklands and perched houses hugging the river bank. Public jetties are available to tie up to but are variable in quality & condition. After passing Flemington, an unexpected sight is the impressive 15m high statue of the Heavenly Queen (Mazu) – a Chinese Goddess of the Sea – with an accompanying spectacular Chinese temple.

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Further along it was time to stop for lunch at the Boat House Cafe (which is on starboard side of the river) and has an accessible jetty. Another choice is the Anglers Tavern downstream slightly on Port, but it has a small one boat only jetty. We were able to get 2/3 of the way up the river with no problems with the bridges to that point, allowing boats 2.8m in height to pass easily underneath. Then it was time to head back to Docklands

Departure day was windy and a quick nose out into Port Phillip Bay revealed 1.5m waves and strong winds building. We decided that discretion was the better part of valour and retired to the safety of the Yarra. An alternative trip up the Yarra was less successful, with city planners in their wisdom installing numerous low bridges barring the way. Any boat 2.8m high or higher will struggle to get further than the Waters Edge Marina adjacent the Charles Grime Bridge.

The following departure day (take 2) – which was delayed by the vagaries of Melbourne's on/off public transport, we made it to the Yarra entrance. Here we were joined by a large cargo ship & accompanying tugs to the shipping channel. We made it to Sandringham before the wind picked up again and we sneaked in behind the rock wall, for an hour until the afternoon squirt petered out and allowed our safe arrival in Patterson lakes about 8pm. It was a very enjoyable trip and well worth the effort.

By Michael Ruhsam



Tell us about your Cruising expeditions!



Saturday 30th MARCH 2019

THE COMMITTEE INVITES YOU TO A NIGHT OF
**SALSA DANCING &
BURRITOS**

Plus, the drawing of the fabulous

Phuket raffle

Learn how to salsa

You know you have always wanted to learn how to salsa. Perhaps you came to the lesson last year and learned what fun it is. So now is your opportunity to either learn from scratch or build on the skills you learned at the last class.

**6pm 30 March
2019**

**\$15 for lesson and
burrito**

Bar will be open

No BYO

**No parking at
Doyles please**

Mordialloc

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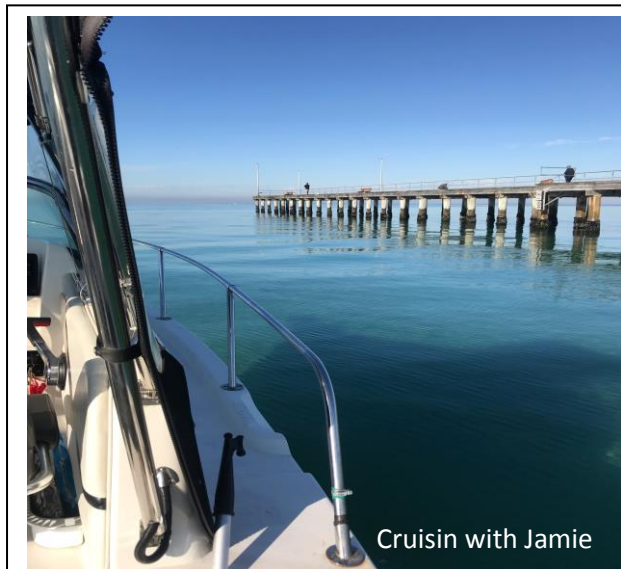
Yacht Club



**KEEP
CALM
AND
EAT A
BURRITO**

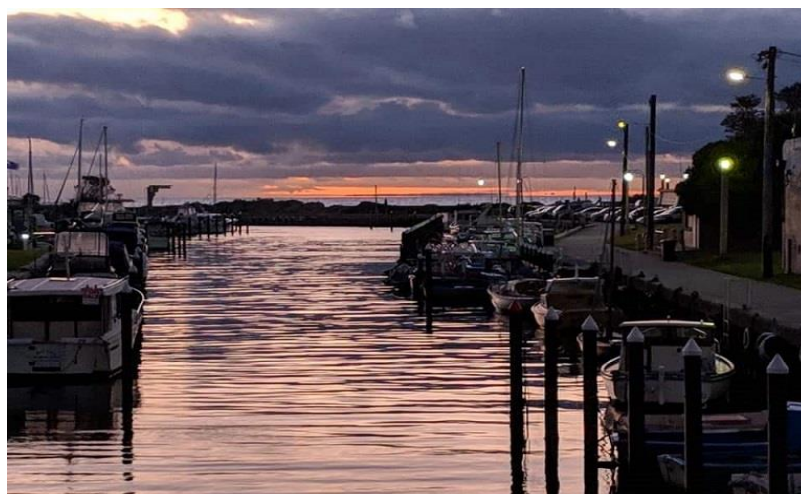
Club Photos ...

Christmas Party Antics



BBQ ready to Sizzle on Leintime

Photos above and below by Graeme Kane



Moorings Report

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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Photo by Jamie Dorrity

Upcoming events...

Sutton Lounge

Friday 25th January

Friday 22nd February

6.30PM - 10.00PM Drinks at Bar prices.

Snacks provided

Mid Year Event ...



BOAT OF NOTE – FOREVER YOUNG



In the past we have run a series of stories concentrating on the history and make up of some of our vessels.

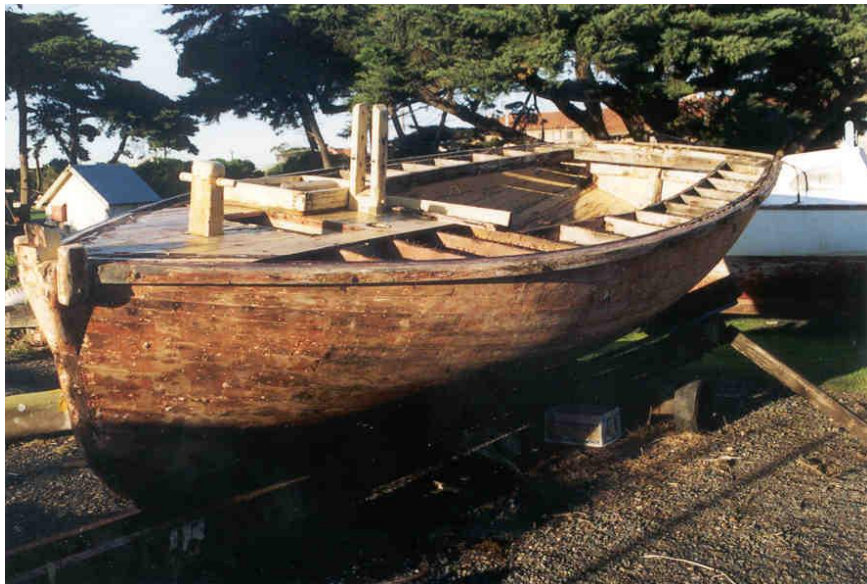
This article is concentrating on the Grand Lady of the MMYC. 'Forever Young' – a 21ft Couta Boat, was rescued by our Rear Commodore, Byron Douglas and a friend Gavin Sharp from the banks of Mordialloc Creek in a state that real estate agents would describe as a 'renovators delight'!!. Byron put in hundreds of hours over 12 years (packed away for three years while he renovated their house) to slowly but surely restore the old girl back to the Grand Lady she is today.

The history of Forever Young is not entirely known but is thought to have been built in the 40'/50's by Peter Locke of Queenscliff using a Lacco design. She is a 21ft couta boat and had lifting gear in the stern and in the keel and a stainless-steel soleplate around a false keel all giving credibility to the thought that she worked off Lorne Pier. There were a fleet of boats that operated off Lorne Pier and were lifted into the waters of Bass Straight by a crane that was stationed on the pier.

The couta boats were the unique fishing fleets of the Victorian coastal waters. They were named after the schools of barracouta they would catch in Bass Straight. The boats were designed for the fishermen to easily fish from (fish were caught on barbless hooks with a lure made from cow hide or tea tree and snagged and pulled into the boat) with the boats being designed to be fast. The first boats in go their catch off to market and got the best price! The boats wine glass shaped stern helped give them stability in the harsh waters of Bass Straight. The early boats had no engines and after the second world war most of the boats were fitted with engines. A couta boat was traditionally built in 6 – 8 weeks by two boat builders – without power tools!!!

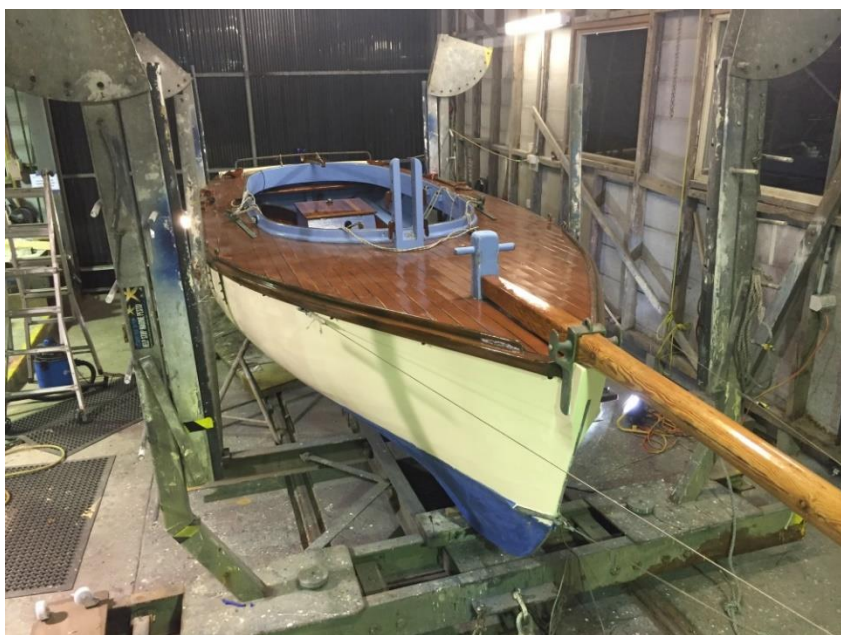
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Forever Young took 12 years to restore in Byron's driveway in Aspendale. In traditional terms she is a carvel hull boat with her hull timbers being NZ Kauri. The deck is QLD Beech with the gunwales of recycled Merbau. She is gaff rigged with her spars being recycled Oregon goal posts that a Council was throwing out for firewood! Her deck is new but most of the hull planking is original. She was built as a working vessel and we believe she was operated for many years in the waters of Apollo Bay. She has been fitted with an 8 – 10 hp Simplex petrol engine. They are still built and sold brand new by Hardman and Hall in Sydney, but they are very much 50's technology. At least Byron fitted an electronic start to his engine!



When Byron found the boat of his dreams, she was not a pretty sight – rumour around the creek was that she had sunk at one stage and the previous owners had stripped her in readiness for a restoration project that never got off the ground. Byron had to learn how to steam timbers, make the tools to rivet the timbers, scrounge suitable timbers, caulk the boat and design the rig according to the strict Couta Association racing rules. The new centreboard case alone took about 100 hours to fit and the timbers weighed 100 kilos and were moved in

and out of the boat 6 times to fit! Forever Young's name is a tribute to the many hours of listening to music as she was restored. Bob Dylan was on the playlist quite often and it seemed such a perfect name in the end.



Forever Young now spends much time sailing and racing within the MMYC yacht fleet and is the focus of many cameras as she regally sails past the Mordialloc Pier and along the coast line. No other sailing vessel is quite able to capture the imagination and turn back the time to when fisherman plied their trade using the wind as their sole source of transport. To see a Couta Boat under sail is somehow special and creates an atmosphere of peace and tranquillity. Modern Yachts will never emulate this quality and we are fortunate at MMYC to have amongst us three other bow sprit boats, 2 of which are Couta's with their own story to tell another time.

We'd love to know the story behind your boat,
please contact the Editor.

Article by Peter Banham

STOP PRESS:

Spotted today by the eagle-eyed Wayne Imlach, the boat under construction at Pompeis finally made her debut in the Mordy creek, Welcome !!



Summer Uniform – Now Available!

Due to popular demand, a wide brimmed hat has been added to the summer collection.

These Hats can be purchased for an amazing price of **\$15!** See this and the full range of club wear on display at the club house.

We hope you have enjoyed reading The Anchor.
Thank you to this issue's contributors

What would you like to see more of?

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.

IS your BOAT for SALE?

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We are open to new ideas

Thank you, Helen

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