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golden rule of driving, not only to the road but to the car as well.

According to my opinion, the Flak motor gun is the safety belt. A crewman of this unit, Colin Blagden, recently had some fun with this gun. He missed without a scratch, a shot which hit a culvert and rolled down a ten foot ditch. The gun makes no safety belt noise in the least, a simple belt which fastens across the lap and a more complex one which has a pad across the chest and shoulder as well. This latter type has been fully tested by the Snow Mountain artillery and leaves no doubt as to its effectiveness.

Monday, it is not the distance or speed you suggest that counts, but where you drive; an accident can happen outside your front gate. Country costs nothing and safety lasts.

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

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"It's not the way the wind blows but
the way you hold that matters."

ALONG THE WATERFRONT:

A new concrete mixing firm of Glenister and Blades is mooted. Some difficulty seems experienced however in choosing the foreman.

Passengers on a certain boat, following a recent novelty event, now tie themselves to the boat, for they know that in the mischance of falling overboard they might well be never recovered or if they were they probably would be minus limbs.

The casualty list seems to be growing among the club members. Aub Brett is sporting a nasty looking jaw following a somewhat too close inspection of the sheet piling. Keith Glenister's back is feeling the results his concreting venture and Bert Wells has more water on his knee than in the bilge of his boat. We all hope that these club members shall be fit again soon.

A barbeque and film night was held on Sunday 20th after the races and Devon Tea. These events are becoming very popular and the club was honoured with a visit from the Commodore of Patterson River Motor Yacht Club, Frank Morris and some of his friends. Dick Blades was once again our capable projectionist, but it is rumoured that he is looking for an assistant who can watch the right speed.

COMING EVENTS:

With the completion of the racing season the following events now remain on the programme.

Firstly, there is a car trip and barbeque picnic on June 17th. Following successes in other years it has been decided this year to go to Toowoomba where there are facilities and things of interest to make it a really bumper day. The place of meeting is just past the East Preston tram terminus, near the Preston Drive In Theatre. The time - 11 a.m.

The monthly socials are still held on the last Saturday of each month and to give plenty of time for all to prepare, it is proposed to hold the Annual Fancy Dress Night on the last Saturday in July. The Commodore's Night and Trophy Presentations will be held on the last Saturday in August.

NUPTIAL NEWS:

Congratulations to Peter Blackmore and his wife, Glenda (nee Glenda Hayes). They were married on Wednesday 23rd of this month. We wish them sincere happiness for now and the future.

WORKING BEE:

The Commodore wishes to thank all those who took part in the Working Bee on the 29th April. It was one of the best efforts for many years, and it leaves no doubt that the future of this club is secured. Some twentytwo members took part and works undertaken and completed included the erection of a fence to protect the rear wall of the club house, the renovating of the path to the club-house steps, repairs to the punt approaches and other maintenance jobs around the island.

OF UNUSUAL INTEREST:

Found floating in the sea by Keith Glenister the other day was a long length of oregon. Carved upon it and showing the remains of paint work were the usual hearts and "John loves Mary" sort of thing. Dates carved alongside these names etc. were 1892, 1896. Surely an interesting relic.

NAUTICAL ANATOMY:

Some terms taken from a nautical dictionary.

ABACK: The position of the sails when the wind presses their surface toward the mast, tending to force the vessel astern.

ABREAST: Alongside of. Side by side.

BREAST-HOODS: Knees in the forward part of a vessel, across the stem, to secure the bows.

AHEAD: In the direction of the vessel's bow.

BAID-HEADED: Said of a schooner having no topmasts.

BUTTOCK: That part of the convexity of a vessel abaft, under the stern, contained between the counter above and the after part of the bilge below, and between the quarter on the side and the stern post.

CHEEKS: The projections on each side of the mast upon which the trestle trees rest. The sides of the shell of a block.

ELBOW: Two crosses in a house.

EYE: The circular part of a shroud or stay where it goes over a mast.

FOOT: The lower end of a mast or sail.

FORE-FOOT: A piece of timber at the forward extremity of the keel upon which the lower end of the stem rests.

HEEL: The after part of the keel. The lower end of the mast or boom. The lower end of the sternpost.

JAWS: The inner ends of booms or gaffs, hollowed to go

KEEL: Crooked pieces of timber, having two ends, used to support the beams of a vessel with her timber.

HOVEYING TACKLE: A tackle hooked to a tiller or boom by in case of accident to the wheel or tiller ropes.

SKIN: The part of a sail which is outside and covers the rest of it to carry it to the sides of the hold.

TRUCK: A piece of timber attached to the foot of the masts to support them with the false keel.

TRUNK: The inner end of a gaff where it widens and hollows in to fit the mast. Also the hollow part of a spar at the angle where the arm of an anchor is joined to the shank.

TRUNK: That part of the upper deck between the gunports that are gunports.

TRUCK: The crossbeams to a bowsprit.

TO REMEMBER:

Monday 17th June
Tuesday 18th June
Wednesday 19th June
Saturday 20th July

Meeting at Clubhouse
Car trip and picnic
Social at Clubhouse
Rancy Dance Night

Committee:
Hon. Secretary:
Club House

Mr. J. Prince
Mr. Ross White

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PLEASE NOTE: Please note that Devon has been cancelled for the next three months. The next Devon has will probably be held in September, 1962.

M. M. Y. C.

APRIL 1962

ANCHOR

EDITOR

K.R.C.

EDITORIAL:

March is Moolah month in Melbourne town, the month of getting together and having fun. Certainly this getting together has been a feature of the power boat clubs around the bay, for, in the past few weeks we have had four major interclub events.

It is becoming very obvious in these events of the gradual increase in the number of the fast boats although skippers of the slower craft need not be too downheartened, for, by rough estimate, I would say that only 25% of boats taking part in these events would have racing speeds in excess of ten knots. Nevertheless, the entry of these faster craft into the field has made competition very keen with the result that we have seen the introduction of a double check point system in the races. This has the effect of ensuring that skippers are really on the ball throughout the whole race and not just in the last 200 yards.

The presence of these faster boats cannot be ignored, for as the years progress, they will comprise even greater percentages of boats in power boat clubs. It may well be that we will even see some form of long distance event, for, as it now is feasible to circumnavigate the bay in eight hours or less, such long distance races are not impossible. Earlier this year of course, a certain oil company did sponsor a marathon trial for outboards and this met with much success.

Many shake their heads and condemn "speed" boats but they should think again. The express cruiser type of boat is proving itself and the faster boat is obviously becoming the choice of the boat buyer. Clubs have not been backward in adjusting their racing rules to cater for these new craft and it is sincerely hoped that both single and multiple and clubs alike shall keep pace with modern developments.

REPAINTING YOUR BOAT:

A letter was received from the firm of Malcolm Fraser and Co. of 295 Bay Street, Port Melbourne. This letter was read at the monthly meeting of the Club by our Secretary and in it they wish to advise that they are willing, as a special service to Club Members, to reduce their paint prices by 20%.

Quite often literature from the trade is received and read at the monthly meetings on the first Tuesday in each month. Therefore, it is to your advantage as a Club Member and a boat owner to attend, for not only can you have your say in the affairs of the Club but also there is often the chance to learn news of interest to assist you in your boating.

BAY TRIP:

On the Sunday of the Moomba weekend, Bill Withers in Diana and myself with several friends in Dart set off at 9-30 a.m. for the other side of the Bay. The sea was very calm and by 11 a.m. we were moored off the jetty at Port-arlington. We left there at noon and slowly cruised toward St. Leonards. The water was very clear and calm and it was fascinating to watch the vast banks of seaweed and sponge. Some penguins were seen and it was possible to actually see them as they swam to the bottom. Bill claimed to have seen some large fish but futile efforts with a rod failed to bring any of these monsters to the surface. We stopped to explore the wreck of the Ozone, an old paddle wheeler lying off Indented Head near St. Leonards. The paddle wheels are still virtually intact and it is rather an eye opener to see their size. The Ozone was only a relatively small vessel and it leaves one to contemplate in wonder at the size of the paddles that must have been on some of the larger vessels of the day. To those who have never seen this old wreck then I would strongly advise that they do so soon as I doubt if she will remain in her present state much longer.

Leaving St. Leonards we made a fast dash down the West side of the Bay and on rounding the corner near the entrance to Swan Bay we began to feel the swell from the open sea. A southerly breeze had begun to spring up as we headed straight out through the rip. To those who have never been on the high seas in a small boat, then I can recommend it as a thrilling experience. The two boats would separate in the huge troughs and would suddenly appear to view as one boat.

or the other mounted the crest of a great wave. Both boats handled really well and did not take any spray at all. As we came back through the Heads we saw a small yellow float racing out to sea against the waves. Sometimes it would dive beneath the water only to appear again seconds later. Thinking that perhaps it had a large fish attached I manouvered alongside but attempts to raise it from the water failed. It was in fact fastened to a crayfish pot no doubt and the 12 knot inward current was creating the effect of the float moving out to sea.

After a late lunch at Portsea we headed for Mornington. The south easterly wind had made the sea very difficult and we got wetter in this part of the trip than outside the heads. After a brief stay at Mornington, where by the way we saw Seafoam anchored, we headed once more for Mordialloc where we moored at about 6-20 p.m. All in all, a very enjoyable day.

ISLE OF MORDIALLOC:

The annual Isle of Mordialloc Trophy Race was held on Sunday March 18th. Prospects for good weather looked extremely doubtful during the early part of the morning, but as the day progressed the sea calmed away and left near perfect conditions for the running of the event. Placings in the race were as follows.

1st C. Watson	(PR 109)	Patterson River
2nd J. Flood	(Patonga)	Sandringham
3rd W. Withers	(Diana)	Mordialloc.

After the race, one of the largest crowds ever to be seen on the Island were treated to an excellent luncheon which had been prepared by the ladies of our Club. The Commodore and his Committee wish to thank each and everyone of those ladies sincerely for the wonderful work that they did. Without them the day could not have been the success it was.

Some fifty boats took part in the event and as can be imagined some juggling had to be done in order that they could be moored around the island. Of great assistance in managing this was the use of small two way radios which were on trial for the Port Phillip Power Boat Association. These sets, only the size of ordinary transistor radios worked very well and with some suppression of engine ignition systems should be ideal for boat to boat communication.

DEBENTURES:

The issue of debentures has not met with the success which was expected and although quite a few members have supported the Club there would appear to be those few who are

content to sit back and let others do the work. To those people I would remind them that other Clubs make the taking of debentures compulsory upon joining and in most cases are not redeemable for many years.

None of us like things of a compulsory nature and it was because of this that the Committee made the taking up of debentures optional, thinking that in this way the sportsmanship and general integrity of its members would come to the fore. No one is gaining personally out of this issue except that of the individual member who invests his money. A loan of £5 per member is not much and at 5% is paying better than bank interest. To those of you who have not already considered this matter, I would ask you to think again and make application for debentures to the Secretary. The Club needs your help.

ALONG THE WATERFRONT:

Final permission has been granted by the Mordialloc Council for the erection of fueling jetties in the creek. It is understood that two companies will operate them and that the first should be in operation within a few months.

Work around the Island now proceeds with a swing since the installation of an amplifier system by Leo Mercer.

~~Davey Sloss is installing a new engine in his boat.~~
As this new motor will have five more cylinders than the last one Davey's boat should have quite a performance.

Dick Blades is believed to be seeking the services of a competent watch maker.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

March 31st	Social at Clubhouse
April 1st	10-30 and 11-15 a.m. Races 3.30 p.m. Devon Tea.
April 3rd	8 p.m. Meeting at Clubhouse
April 8th	Cruising Day
April 15th	10-30 and 11.15 a.m. Races
April 28th	Social at Clubhouse

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STOP PRESS:

Bert Wells won the Whalley Cup, equal second with two other boats was Jim Smith. Further details in next month's "Anchor".

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most skippers had to plot their own course on a scaled chart from written instructions. All boats got away to a good start as the faster craft had been grouped to the landward side of the starting line with the slower boats of the field to seaward.

Timing of finishing boats was done with the latest of timing devices and so it was by no mean feat that Bert Wells in his 12 ft. runabout "This-El-Doo" took the honors for our club by finishing only one second out in a twelve and a half mile course. Jim Smith was placed equal second with two other boats from the other competing clubs.

ALONG THE WATERFRONT:

Good fishing has been reported lately on this side of the bay with one excellent catch of a 17 lb. snapper going to Harry Allen.

Poor old Jack Pringle Old age must be catching up with him at last. He was heard recently talking to himself in the clubrooms. Of course, he could be taking public speaking lessons on the quiet.

Leo Mercer is going all musical. Believe he is playing a new instrument called the Porkalet. Perhaps he could be persuaded to give a solo at the next smoke night.

George Perry and family are reported to be planning a trip to Central Australia in the near future.

DEBENTURES:

There are still a few debentures that have not been taken yet. Although response from members has been fairly good there are no doubt some whose memory needs a little prodding. Also, crew members are reminded that they too can take out debentures. This matter needs to be finalised as soon as possible for all those wishing to take debentures £5 each paying £1 and who have not done so, then they are advised to contact Secretary, Mrs. White as soon as possible.

WORKING BEH:

Once again there is work to be done on the island and thinking that all should be well refreshed after the Easter holidays the Commodore and his committee have decided that Sunday 29th of this month shall be a day of general cleaning up on the Island. One of the main objects of this working bee will be to erect a wire fence behind the Clubhouse, so all those members who can make themselves available on that day are asked to attend.

RACING:

With the racing season almost over the aggregate points are still not decided as Koorinje, Manlo, Tawara, Dart and Mavric are still running neck and neck. The final racing day will be held on May 30th weather permitting. Skippers who intend to enter in the White Gull trophy race are reminded that they must carry a crew member or passenger in that event. An extra event has been added to the programme with the inclusion of a crew members event donated by H. Swift.

THE SEASON OF BURNT OFFERINGS:

Autumn months seem to cultivate good appetites amongst club members, for twice recently the Island has been the scene of glowing charcoal fires with the mouth watering aroma of cooking steaks. The first of these nights followed the running of the Whalley Cup and the second after a very pleasant cruise by some eleven club boats to Frankston on April 8th. Following the sumptuous meals on these occasions the members and their friends then retired to the club rooms where they relaxed to watch colored slides and movies, the latter being shown by our budding new projectionist, Dick Blades, who in the space of one hour acquired a very thorough knowledge of the workings of a modern projector.

SOCIALS:

Last month's social was a great success and it is to be hoped that the following socials for this year continue in the same way. It is very pleasing to see the younger members of the club taking part in the racing events on the programme and it will be hoped that these members will display the same interest in our social activities. Of course all should realise that the monthly socials are not exclusively for MNYC members only and in fact friends of any member who comes along will be made most welcome and can be assured of an enjoyable evening.

At this stage all members are reminded that the trophy presentation social will be held in August this year and although this is a little time ahead yet, all are reminded to keep the last Saturday of that month clear.

BOOK REVIEW:

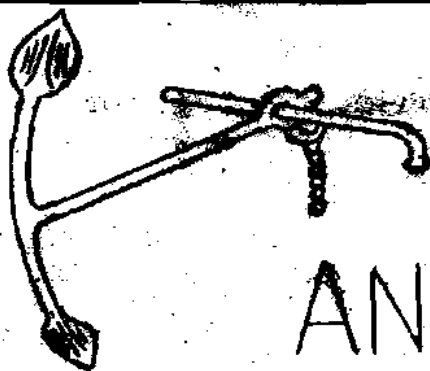
Although I have never mentioned any books before, two books which have recently become available to me are worthy of mention.

The first is "Sailing Directions of Victoria and Bass Strait". This book is published by the order of the Ports and Harbours by the Department of Public Works. To all those

JUNE 1962

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M. M. Y. C.

ANCHOR

EDITORIAL:

Time marches on and the shortest day has come and gone like a flash in the infinite void of time. The same might be said of our lives, brief flashes in a timeless history. And in those lives, what do we achieve?

Let us, during these few months when there is less activity in club life, pause awhile and take stock. Are we just drifting with the currents and getting nowhere? Time is the one thing with which everyone is equally endowed throughout their life span. Some make good use of it, while others waste it, and some even try to kill it. We would do better things, better deeds, if we would often recall those wise words - "I shall pass through this world but once. If, therefore there be any kindness I can show, or any good thing I can do, let me do it now; let me not defer it or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again."

A LETTER TO THE EDITOR: (or SEQUAL TO WATCH THIS SPACE from the last issue)

"To the Editor, MMYC Anchor.

De Sir,

We wondered on the trip to Tourourong on Sunday the 17th of June, just why our editor so adroitly led about six of the convoy up the garden path (so to speak) and nearly into a farmer's cow paddock.

The only conclusion that I could arrive at was that he needed some practice, as he may soon be leading his future wife up the aisle.

But jokes aside, I want to extend to Ken and Sue, on behalf of all the club members our heartiest congratulations on the occasion of their engagement, and to wish them all the best in happiness and prosperity for their

future.

Yours very sincerely,
J. Prince, Commodore.

On behalf of Sue and myself, a sincere thank you
to the Commodore and M.M.C. Editor.

END OF RACING SEASON:

The 1961-62 racing season has now drawn to a close with the final races being held on May 27th. The new system of scoring proved very stimulating and final placings in the aggregate were in doubt even up to the running of the last event. Credit indeed must be given to Eric Underdown for his devising of the scoring system and it will be noted that the same system will be continued in the forthcoming 1962-63 season.

Dick Blades as handicapper did a magnificent job this year and commenting upon the season's racing he mentioned the variety and extent of some of the events. He stressed however that more thought should be given to events taxing the seamanship of the skipper and not purely to straight out time trials and one's ability to press a stop watch button.

Final scores for the aggregate were:-

1st	Kooringa	J. Daniel	1265
2nd	Tawarri	R. White	1186
3rd	Dart	K. Clayton	1138
4th	Marlo	J. Smith	1109

FOR SALE:

For sale at the club house from the Secretary are club ties and lapel badges. Also a very good buy at 2/6 each are plastic, waterproof charts of Port Phillip Bay sections - just the thing for marking that special fishing spot on.

CAR TRIP:

A very successful trip was had to Tourourong on June 17th. At first the weather had everyone guessing but as the cars gathered at the arranged meeting place, the skies cleared and the sun shone forth. Apart from some minor (Morris) diversions all arrived safely at Tourourong where there was found great supplies of chopped wood and, to quote Mr. Blackmore, "proper congers" of steaming water. Following lunch and walks around the reserve we left Tourourong and made our way to the Yan Yean reservoir.

Following upon the success of this day another trip

will be held on July 15th to the Wild Life Research Centre at Lara. Although it will not be strictly an open day for the public, the hospitality of the Victorian Field and Game Association has been extended to us on that day. They have arranged a representative of the Fisheries and Game Department to be there to conduct our members over the area.

It is proposed to meet on the Werribee bypass road just over the bridge on the river. However at this stage the exact time of meeting is unknown and interested members are requested to telephone either the Secretary, Ross White or Commodore Jack Prince just prior to the day to determine final arrangements.

THANK YOU:

The club is indebted to Leo Mercer for his generous gift of a radio and public address system which is now installed in the club rooms. To Leo, who is soon to depart to a warmer climate for a few weeks, we extend our sincere thanks.

TROPHIES:

Members wishing to donate trophies for the 1962-63 season should notify Ross White of their intentions as the new programme is being drawn up.

SLIPWAY:

The slips have been doing a record business over the last few months since the establishment of the new lifting gear. However, at the moment they are rather quiet and members who have some small job to do on their boats should make arrangements now with slipmaster, Bert Bowden, as it is expected that in a month or so, bookings will be rather heavy.

NOMINATIONS:

Members are reminded that nominations for office bearers will be called for in August. New members should earnestly consider positions on committee etc., as new ideas and opinions are vital to the club's progress.

COMING SOCIAL EVENTS:

Apart from the car trip to Lara on July 15th the following events should be noted.

The Fancy Dress Night will be held on Saturday 28th July. This occasion usually attracts a large gathering and it is hoped that this year it will be an even greater success.

The trophy presentation night will be held on the

last Saturday in August this year. All being well, it is hoped to have some bright new accompaniment for the dancing on that night and future socials.

The Annual MMYC Ball will be held on October 12th.
THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH:

Man cannot climb ladder of success with hands in pocket.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Tuesday 3rd July 8 p.m.

Monthly meeting at Clubhouse.

Sunday 15th July.

All Members welcome.
Car trip to Wild Life Research Centre at Lara.

Saturday 28th July

For time etc. contact Ross White prior to day.
Fancy Dress Night.

Tuesday 7th August 8 p.m.

Monthly meeting at Clubhouse.
(Nominations Night).

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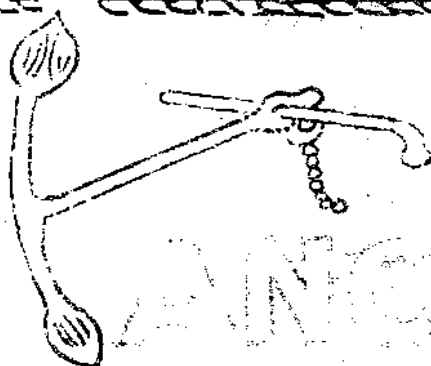
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JULY 1962

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ANCHOR

EDITORIAL:

Winter amongst the boating fraternity is the traditional time for "laying up", a tradition arising from other hemispheres where Winter means snow and sleet and such obvious deterrents to boating pleasures. Yet we wonder why this tradition persists in our more temperate regions where perhaps the weather is more predictable and the seas calmer in our winter than in the summer months.

Is it such a good thing to let ourselves be governed so often by tradition? Under certain conditions, yes; for tradition often becomes necessity for it is obvious folly to sail a small yacht or open skiff in the wintry waters of Port Phillip and run the risk of a ducking in the chilly waters. However, what is the folly in running a snug cruiser during the winter months?

Of course, there is the argument that winter is the time for maintenance on the boats, yet, strange to say, it is during this time that our slips are most idle, excepting January. Then there is the argument that people must do some work about their homes, however, winter is rather a dubious time to do any outdoor painting and as seen at two recent Club outings, people will leave their homes if interest and companionship are not lacking.

Is it then that we should skip tradition? It is a known fact that another boating body on Port Phillip has held successful events this winter. Do we in fact need to revise our programme? Should we hold winter boating events? Is the lack of continuity of racing a serious threat to our victories in inter-club events? It is well appreciated by racing enthusiasts in the Club that it takes probably five or six

aces to get the feel of things at the start of a new season and as most inter-club events are held relatively early in the season then there is not much time left for "freshing up".

Let it by no means be said that this Editorial is advocating all winter racing. It is felt that there is strong need also for more events such as the successful car trips that have been held recently. The M.M.Y.C. is a Club, and, as a club can only function on sociability, and it is only by getting together at a dance or a barbeque can we really get to know each other. Boating has its' pleasures and advantages, yet it does tend to isolate one from another socially when on the water, and, until two way radio becomes practical and within the price range of all then we must accept this temporary isolation when in our boats.

What is needed is some careful thought into the revision of Club activities. Our club has thrived successfully to date, thrived on ideas and suggestions that have proved their worth over the years. Nevertheless, with the rapid increase in our membership there must be those amongst our new members, and old, who perhaps have some new ideas which could be beneficial to the club's activities. Nothing has ever been gained by keeping one's ideas to one's self. In the interest of the Club and of yourself you should attend the monthly meeting on the first Tuesday in every month and "Have Your Say." If circumstances perhaps prevent you from attending, then, as editor of the Anchor, I will present any worthwhile suggestions to the club if the same are directed to my attention. REMEMBER - NEVER BE BACKWARD IN COMING FORWARD.

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS:

Nominations for office bearers for the ensuing twelve months will take place on the first Tuesday in August. Voting for the same will then take place on the first Tuesday in September. It is important to note that all nominees and voters should be financial members on that date. Proof of this will be a small card inscribed "FINANCIAL MEMBER". This card is being issued this year in lieu of receipts and will be posted to all who pay their dues.

PRESENTATIONS:

A small presentation was made by the Commodore, Jack Prince, at the last monthly social to Peter and Brenda Blackmore upon the occasion of the recent wedding. In making the presentation on behalf of the club, Jack

expressed his best wishes and success for their future together.

FANCY DRESS NIGHT.

Don't forget the annual fancy dress night. In past years this event has been quite a success and is eagerly looked forward to by young and old alike. But to those whose memory is slipping or perhaps to those who have not heard, the fancy dress social will be held on Saturday, 28th July, at 8 p.m. So put on your thinking caps, open up the old attic trunk and bring those costumes along to the 1962 Fancy Dress Social.

Another reminder for an important social event, that being the annual presentation of trophies and a social to be held on the last Saturday in August. Come along that night too make it a success and help to welcome the new orchestra which will be playing at all future socials.

CAR TRIP TO SERENDIP WILD LIFE RESEARCH STATION.

A most enjoyable day was held on Sunday, 15th of this month, when some twenty-one cars made the trip to Serendip Wild Life Research Station at Lara near Geelong.

Members met at Laverton and while waiting for latecomers to arrive were treated to a display of parachute jumping. Leaving Laverton, the cars then made their way to Serendip and having arrived without getting bushed were made welcome by Doug. Hemmingway of the Victorian Field and Game Association and Harry Wright and Gavin Serrini of the Fisheries and Game Department. After lunching in delightful surroundings most members were then conducted over the station by members of the Fisheries and Game Department while a few others, including Dick Blades ambled along and engaged in the arboreal arts, i.e. tree planting, which was being organised by the Field and Game people.

Leaving the establishment later in the afternoon, a large group of cars led by a certain member, well known for his skill in navigating on land headed for the You Yangs National Park, some three miles distant, and within sight of Serendip.

It was there they arrived one hour later, having made some minor deviations on route which took in country nearly to Bacchus Marsh!

Nevertheless, a lovely days outing and as one member expressed it, "Our Club seems to be developing into a better car club than a Boat Club!"

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH:

TOMORROW'S SUCCESS IS FOUNDED ON TODAY'S PREPARATION.

1962-63 RACING SEASON:

Members are reminded that the 1962-63 racing programme is now being drawn up. The attention of members and in

particular new members is drawn to the fact that in past years racing have been sponsored by individual club members. The cost of trophies for such races is not great, amounting to only a couple of pounds. These races form vital and interesting aspects to club activities in the summer months and it is only through the co-operation of individual members that they can continue. Should any member be interested in donating a trophy for the coming season then they could contact Secretary, Ross White for further details.

ALONG THE WATER FRONT:

It has been rumoured that a race around the bay for power boats is being considered for next years Moomba Festival.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

July 28th 8 p.m. Fancy Dress Social.

August 7th 8 p.m. Monthly Meeting and
Nominations Night.

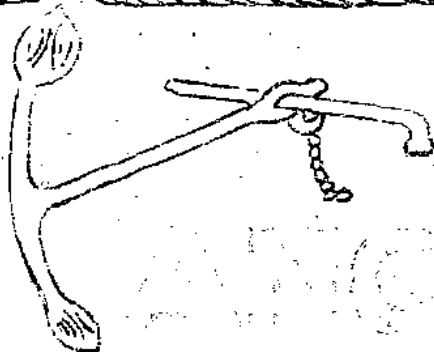
August 25th 8 p.m. Presentation Night
and Social.

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EDITORIAL

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It is with ever increasing interest and excitement that both sail and powerboat men alike are turning their attention to America where soon the Australian designed, built and crewed yacht, Gretel, will soon be tested against the might of World's best in the America's Cup.

Indeed, it is a tribute to modern engineering and design, when techniques and arts that have been tested through the centuries now can be blended into one sleek, efficient and beautiful boat, which, utilising techniques as old as time are now combined with the most modern to give the ultimate in perfection.

No boating organisation should let the occasion pass without expressions of best wishes and luck for Alan Payne, who designed Gretel, her crew, and to all those who have brought this magnificent project into being. It will be a proud day if she can carry off the Cup, but even if this is not to be, Australia will be the richer for her trying. I think that perhaps the thoughts of John Masefield sum up our thoughts of Gretel in his poem:

THE SHIP.

I march across great waters like a Queen,
I whom so many wisdoms helped to make:
Over the uncruddled billows of seas green,
I blanch the bubbled highway of my wake.
By me my wandering tenants clasp the hands
And know the thoughts of men in other lands.

ON HOLIDAY:

Three of our members are at present on holiday in Australia's North. Enjoying the sun are Leo Mercer, Charlie Higginbotham and Jack Daniel.

FINANCIAL MEMBERS:

Members are reminded that they should make sure that they have paid their dues for the forth-coming year. Failure to do so may jeopardise their right to moorings. Also, it is rumoured that the council might require the registration number of boats when application is made for renewal of mooring licenses when these fall due at the end of next month. So be sure your boat is registered. Already there have been several prosecutions of owners of unregistered craft.

SOCIAL EVENTS:

A good night was had by all at the Fancy Dress Night last month. It was gratifying to see many of our new members amongst the large crowd, and even more pleasing was the way all entered into the spirit of the night with a wonderful array of quaint and clever costumes.

This month, on Saturday 25th, there is, of course, the combined social and presentation night. All skippers who won trophies in the events of this season should be there to collect their "loot", and to make the night go with a swing there will be a bright new orchestra under the direction of Kath Gilbert. Also, as it will be our present Commodore's last night, we expect a really bumper turn up.

Don't forget the Annual Ball on 12th October, to be held this year in the Mordialloc City Hall. Tickets, at 27/6 per head, will be available soon so start arranging that party now.

Devon Teas will be held again commencing on September 16th. On that day the Ball Tickets will be available. Following on that, the next Devon Tea will be held on October 21st. These Devon Teas form a pleasant way to pass a Sunday afternoon as well as being another way to get to know the other fellows.

WORKING BEE:

A Working Bee will be held on the Island on Sunday, 2nd September. All those who can spare some time on that day are asked to lend a hand for a little "Spring-clean" around the club.

NOMINATIONS FOR NEW OFFICE BEARERS, 1962-63.

At the monthly meeting this month nominations for the respective offices were called for.

They are as follows:

Commodore:	Mr. Ross Blackmore.	(unopposed)
Vice Commodore:	Mr. Jack Daniel	(unopposed)
Rear Commodore:	Mr. Ken Clayton	(unopposed)
Hon. Secretary:	Mr. Ross White.	(unopposed)
Ass. Hon. Secretary:	Mr. Jim Smith	(unopposed)
Auditors:	Mr. A. Brett	(unopposed)
	Mr. Ted Dixon	(unopposed)
Slipmaster:	Mr. Dick Blades	(unopposed)
Ed. of 'Anchor' and Publicity Officer:	Mr. K. Clayton	(unopposed)
Master of Ceremonies:	Mr. Jack Daniel	(unopposed)
Social Secretary:	Mr. W. Lipscombe	(unopposed)
Crew Member on Committee:	Mr. Eric Underdown	(unopposed)
Scrutineers:	Mr. D. Jung	(unopposed)
	Mr. Ray Brett	(unopposed)

COMMITTEE:

The following persons have been nominated for the Executive Committee and an election will be held on Tuesday 4th September, on the night of the Annual General Meeting.

Members nominated are as follows:

K. Glenister,
F. Pearce,
A. Brett,
J. Daniel, Jr.,
T. Dixon,
J. Prince,
P. Blackmore,
A. Bowden,
D. Young,
G. Bates.

All should note that those nominated and voting must be Financial Members of the Club on the night of the Annual General Meeting.

OF GENERAL INTEREST:

Ross Blackmore, our Commodore elect, has been elected to the position of Honorary Secretary to the Port Phillip Power Boat Association. It is the principle of the

Association to draw its Office Bearers from all affiliated clubs so that the views of all might be equally expressed.

Dick Blades has completed the job of attaching an electric motor to the large drill in the workshop. This innovation should make those boring jobs much easier from now on.

New members should not forget that they still have time to notify Secretary, Ross White, if they wish to donate a trophy for the forth-coming racing season. Crew members are also eligible to donate these trophies. The cost is not great, yet the racing programme is of vital importance to club activities, and it is only through your co-operation that this can be a success.
CONGRATULATIONS:

Congratulations and best wishes to Fred and Joan Paterson on the birth of a son, Bruce Anthony.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Presentation Night & Social Aug. 25th, 8 p.m.

Annual General Meeting Sep. 4th, 8 p.m.

Devon Toa Sep. 16th.

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SEPTEMBER 1962

EDITOR

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EDITORIAL: "Tempus fugit" or for the enlightenment of my non classical readers, "time flies". Yes, time has flown, for it is now over twelve months since I was first elected to this worthy office as editor of the Anchor, this monthly masterpiece (??) that endeavours to bring you the latest on club activities, that coaxes you to support your club and with promises, threats, and a little prodding, exhorts you into taking part in working bees and suchlike things.

Now again, following the annual general meeting, I once more find myself once more in this happy role. As last year, therefore, I remind you that an editor's lot is not an easy one, but it is eased somewhat if those little snippets of news and gossip are relayed on to me. Some members of course, did assist in this way throughout last year, but I say, as many have said before, "Don't always leave it for the same few because it's quite often your bit that counts."

ANN L GENERAL MEETING: This took place on the 4th of this month and the keenness of our members was well demonstrated when over a third of the club members turned up. Indeed, there would not be too many other organisations which could boast of this.

The evening was tinged with a little touch of sadness as Jack Prince vacated the Commodore's chair and handed over to Ross Blackmore. In thanking all for their support throughout his period as commodore, Jack said that he felt sure under Ross's guidance that the club would continue to prosper and forge ahead. Ross is backed this year by Jack Daniel as Vice Commodore and Ken Clayton as Rear Commodore. Ross White is again our most capable secretary with his assistant no less than Jim Smith. Bill Lipscombe is our social secretary.

Slipmaster this year Dick Blades. Dick, on election to this position stated that it really gave him great satisfaction in telling people just where to stick their boats. Master of Ceremonies is Jack Daniel. The executive committee comprises:- J. Daniel, Jr.; Ted Dixon; Peter Blackmore; A. Bowden; D. Young; and G. Bates. Crew member on committee is Eric Underdown. Auditors are Ted Dixon and Aub. Brett. It was resolved that the Mayor of Mordialloc, Cr. D. Denyer and Mr. R. Meagher, MLA. be admitted to the club as honorary members for the ensuing year.

It will be noted that the positions of handicapper and assistant handicapper are still vacant. Anyone, who feels that they have the ability to fulfil either of these positions are invited to come forward.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: 'For the year 1961-62 again good progress has been made by the Club. 29 new members were enrolled including 12 crew members, offset of course were a few resignations making the membership total of 111.'

The lease of the Island has reached a stage where the proposed draft copy submitted by Council solicitors has been returned approved by your committee.

The proposed bridge to span the creek in the position of the existing punt is progressing satisfactorily. Council has given its approval subject to the Carlton Brewery and the Ports and Harbours Dept. of the Public Works, sanctioning the scheme. However, we do not anticipate any hold-up in that direction. The design is to follow the temporary bridge on Springvale Road, erected by the City Engineer, while with Springvale Council. The issue of debentures to cover the cost of this and any other project was reasonably subscribed to, as you can see from the balance sheet.

The installation of hoist and lifting gear in the slipway cover has proved a worthwhile investment together with the idea for moving boats from the cradle.

The Balance Sheet reflects a fairly stable position, considering the large repairs carried out including new bitumin to the slipway cover and verandah, repairs and painting of back wall and erection of a fence at rear of Clubhouse to protect the recent repairs and septic tank.

Our social events from the Annual Ball to the monthly socials and devon teas have proved a great success and reflect credit on all concerned in the organizing of same.

This year has seen the introduction of regulations designed for greater safety in handling and control of boats also registration of power boats. Members of this

Club were instrumental in the redrafting of a number of contentious regulations.

The results of this years racing programme and points system reflects great credit on the organizers, particularly Mr. E. Underdown as the allocation of points was originated by him. I feel certain the winner of the aggregate Mr. J. Daniel had some anxious moments right up to the last race.

In conclusion I would like on behalf of the Club to pay special mention to our retiring Commodore Mr. J. Prince for his untiring efforts for the club during his two years as Commodore.

Thanks also to the remaining office bearers and Committee who have carried out their honorary duties to our mutual advantages.

Ross White, Secretary.

IN HOSPITAL: It was with deep regret that we learnt of George Perry's unfortunate accident when he was struck by a hit-run motorist. George is now in Box Hill Hospital and we all trust that he will soon be out and about again.

FOR MEN ONLY: The recent working bee held on the island was again a great success although it is rumoured that it might have had even more response had we followed the idea of Patterson River Motor Yacht Club. Their working bees are spiced with a few bikini clad brush wielders of the fairer sex.

NOTICE TO NEW COMMITTEE: New members of the committee should note that the committee meets on the third Wednesday in every month. General meetings, to which all members are invited to attend are held on the first Tuesday in every month.

COMING SOCIAL EVENTS TO BE REMEMBERED:

1. The social at the Clubhouse on Saturday 29th of this month at 8 p.m. is to be in the form of a Fancy Hat Night. Members are asked to wear a hat to represent a song title. Last year a similar night proved a great success and it is said that some people are still puzzling as to what some of the hats were meant to represent. Don't forget too that we now have a bright new orchestra and following comments heard at the last social, which by the way was the trophy presentation night and very well attended, it is certain that those who are keen on dancing will really be able to enjoy themselves.

2. Next on the list and an event that really demands your support is of course the Annual Ball to be held on the 12th of October at the City Hall, Mentone. The price of admittance is only 27/6 per head and as such you cannot miss

in having a really good night out. So make up a party amongst your friends and contact Social Secretary Bill Lipscombe at 6 Mountview Street, Croydon for a table booking. To those members who came last year and did not like bench type seats, it is pointed out that this year the seating will be individual chairs.

3. A Devon Tea will be held at the Club on Sunday October 21st. It is a pleasant way to fill in an afternoon and a good way to get to know your fellow member.

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EDITORIAL:

As all readers are aware, there was gazetted in April of this year the Motor Boating Act 1961 (No.6832), a set of regulations designed to control and set standards of safety for all power boats operating in Victorian waters.

The warmer months are now rapidly approaching and with the apparent easing of finance it has been estimated by reliable sources that sales of new craft will reach a peak of about two hundred and fifty at the height of the season. It has also been estimated that two thirds of the owners of these boats will have had little or no experience in handling of small craft.

Consequently, as members of a boating club, we should all look upon the future with some concern. Port Phillip Bay is world renowned for its treachery, a fact only too plainly brought to our notice during the last few weeks when every few days has brought news of some tragedy or near tragedy. If professionals come to grief, what can be the lot of raw amateurs? We have the legislation to control boating yet it would only too obviously appear that there is no real effective force to police the act or to come to the aid of those who by accident or carelessness find themselves in peril upon the bay.

There has been talk of establishing life boats at various points. Apart from harbours such as Sandringham the locating of life boats would pose quite a problem as such boats must be able to readily put to sea in all weather. Mooring of such craft is therefore not desirable as bad weather would in most cases prevent either the boat leaving the shelter of a river

mouth or the crew from reaching a moored vessel. It is here, I feel, that we should take a look at other countries who have already established effective life-boat systems. Generally it is found that life-boats are launched from a ramp, far enough out into deep water so as to be not so readily endangered by breaking surf. As the cost of such a project is considerable, and especially as it would require at least three instalations to adequately cover the bay I think that it will be some time before we can expect to see such a life-boat system.

At the moment it would seem that the only effective method of patrolling the Bay would be to utilize many craft of proven seaworthiness that do exist in moorings around the Bay. If one harbour is storm bound it is often quite possible that another only a few miles away is navigable. However, it does seem wrong that the expense and danger involved should fall entirely upon the private individual as it does at the moment. Apart from this, to make any search or mercy errand more effective, there should be some form of co-ordination of searching craft. Many thousands of pounds are now received annually by the government to benefit boating and it would be only fair to suggest that some aid be given to establish base stations for two way radios around the Bay to assist in fitting transmitters into craft that could be used for rescue work.

We all pay boating registration and we all expect some benefit from it, the foremost being safety and better facilities. Accidents do happen and they can happen to you and me.

THE ANNUAL BALL:

To quote the song, "Oh! What a night it was, it really was!" One of the gayest and best attended balls for many years to be held by the MMYC took place in the Mordiallo City Hall on Friday 12th of this month. Two hundred and thirtyfive people were in attendance and the hall was really packed. Gay decorations surrounded the tables and centremost on the stage was a runabout kindly loaned by Lukey Marine Pty. Ltd. per Bruce Johnson of Patterson River Motor Yacht Club. Orchestration was by Kath Gilbert and her band who kept up a lively tempo throughout the night, so much so in fact, that nearly all were still dancing at 1-30 a.m. when the hall closed.

1962-3 PROGRAMME:

This has now been issued listing all events for the forthcoming season. All members should have received one,

but if any have missed out, then they should contact Secretary Ross White.

FORTHCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS:

The annual Smoke Night will be held this year at the Bridge Hotel, Mordialloc, on November the 9th. Bookings can now be made with either Bill Lipscombe, Ross White or Jim Smith. The price of tickets is ten shillings per head and judging from other years it is certainly money well spent. A very lively program of music and entertainment is being lined up and so this should again be a really good night. Get together with your friends and make this really a night to remember.

The official opening day with the running of the Commodore's trophy followed by a Devon tea will be held on Sunday November 11th.

Still a little way off but not to be forgotten is the Children's Christmas Party on December 16th. In the past this has always been a popular function with an opportunity for the kids to meet Santa. Names of children attending should be given to either Ross White or Jim Smith by not later than November 30th. As usual, to assist in financing this function, a Christmas Stocking will be raffled. Your help in selling these tickets is appreciated and further information and tickets can be obtained from the aforementioned gentlemen.

HANDICAPPER:

Vice-commodore and winner of last years aggregate trophy, Jack Daniel has accepted position of handicapper for the forthcoming season.

ELECTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBER:

Mr. J. Daniel jnr., has resigned from the Committee because of a pending overseas trip early in the new year. An election to fill the vacancy so formed will take place at the next monthly meeting of the Club to be held Tuesday November, 13th. All members interested should attend.

NOTICE TO BOAT OWNERS:

Because of the large number of bookings for the slips, it is essential that all work on boats on the slips be completed if possible in seven days. There are lights under the slipway cover and the nights are not so cold now.

Don't forget to check your mooring lines occasionally, especially after heavy weather. There can be considerable movement of craft moored in the creek and lines can wear through with resultant damage, not only to your boat but to someone else's as well.

NIGHT NAVIGATION TRIAL:

On the night of Saturday September 22nd some five boats of our club took some senior members of the local seascouts on a night navigation trial. The night was very dark and the sea was calm and to add to the interest the light on the end of the pier was not working. It was so dark that it was almost impossible to see the pier from 100 feet away. At least this was the excuse pleaded by two boats that ended up at Seaford. However, the night was a success and certainly it would be well worth while to hold a similar event on the club program.

SICK LIST:

Ill at the last moment and unfortunately missed the Ball was Mrs. Ross Blackmore. Hope that she has recovered by now.

Seen at the ball on crutches was Dick Blades. He seemed a little disappointed that the orchestra did not play something to suit his condition, but there again he just wants to be at peace with the world. That is when he is not telling someone where to stick their boat.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Nov. 9th at Bridge Hotel. MMYC Annual Smoke Night.
Nov. 11th at 2 p.m. Commodore's Trophy and Opening day.

N.B. Briefing meeting of all races takes place 30 minutes before starting time.

Nov. 13th	8 p.m.	Monthly Meeting.
Nov. 18th		Cruise and Barbeque.
Nov. 24th	8 p.m.	Social at Clubhouse.
Nov. 25th	10.30 a.m.	Lorelei Trophy.
	11.15 a.m.	Shannon Trophy.
	2 p.m.	H. Swift Crewmember's Trophy.

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Please Note: The Monthly Meeting will be held on Tuesday 13th, owing to Melbourne Cup Day on 6th November

NOVEMBER 1962

EDITOR

K. R. C.



EDITORIAL:

Our 1962-63 season is now well under way and the Island has become a scene of great activity over the past few weeks as skippers and crew members put those finishing touches to their boats in readiness for the Christmas vacation and the very full program ahead.

While most craft are now looking very trim on the outside now, I wonder if any thought has been given to those essential accessories to boating, namely fire extinguishers, anchors, lines and life jackets etc. Such items can deteriorate in time but often unfortunately, their failure only becomes apparent at the time of real need. A most careful examination should be made of all essential gear and faulty items repaired or replaced. In replacing such items, make sure that the new equipment is capable of doing the job. Make sure the anchor will hold your type of boat and that the fire extinguisher is suited for marine use. Make sure that the life jacket will in fact support a clothed and unconscious person. In recent tests both in this country and overseas, it was found that many life jackets offered for sale would not do this. In these days of eager competition in the commercial field I feel sure that manufacturers and retailers of reputable equipment would be only too glad to arrange demonstrations of these items of essential gear. Prove before you buy and so equip your boat wisely for the happy days ahead.

PORT PHILLIP POWER BOAT ASSOCIATION:

At the meeting of the association at Sandringham on October 22nd last Allan Dudley of Sandringham was elected president. Jim Smith of our club was elected to position

of Vice President. Our Club is well represented in this Association now, as Ross Blackmore is the Hon. Secretary with Dick Blades and Ken Clayton also attending.

CHILDRENS' CHRISTMAS PARTY:

A final reminder for this annual event to be held this year on December 16th. The children are assured of a wonderful day with ice cream, drinks etc. being distributed throughout the afternoon. Santa will arrive by boat at 2-30 p.m. so make sure the kids are there on time. To assist the organisers, names of children attending should be in the hands of Ross White or Jim Smith by not later than the 30th of this month. Gifts for Santa to distribute can be brought to the island on the day of the party, wrapped, and with the child's name clearly written on the package.

NEW COMMITTEE MEMBER:

Aub Brett was elected to position on the executive committee at the general meeting held at the Club rooms on Tuesday 13th of this month. He filled the vacancy created by the resignation of John Daniel Jnr. who is leaving on an overseas trip shortly.

RAFFLE:

Tickets are still available for the Christmas stocking which was so generously put together by the Mainwarring family again this year. The proceeds of this raffle go toward the Childrens' party and tickets can be obtained from Jim Smith.

RACING PROGRAMME:

Donors of trophies should come prepared to run their event on the day as stated in the official programme. If circumstances prevent this, then as much notice as possible should be given to handicapper, Jack Daniel, so that arrangements for the race can proceed.

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH:

The turtle never makes any progress until he sticks his neck out.

OPENING DAY:

Rough seas which lashed the bay throughout Saturday abated to leave ideal conditions for the opening of our 1962-63 racing season on Sunday, 11th November. With such a pleasant day for the first event, skippers are now looking forward to the very full program which will run into next June.

Some twenty boats took part in the sail past off the

end of the pier where Commodore Ross Blackmore took the salute. Following this, the boats then raced over a measured course, the exact distance being undisclosed. Skippers were required to estimate the distance travelled. Placegetters were as follows:-

Ted Dixon (Seafoam) and Bert Bowden (Mavric) equal first.

Keith Glenister (K Gee) second.

Terry Masters (Beaulieu) third.

Terry, who is a relatively new member to the club should be congratulated on his placing. Of course, there was a de Pelsenair at the helm for part of the race, and it wasn't Susanne. It has been asked by some if the beginning of his success could also be the beginning of his downfall.

Distance of the course was 2.61 miles.

A successful Devon Tea, organised by the ladies of the club was held after the running of the race.

SOCIAL NEWS:

Social functions of the club held during the past few weeks have been a huge success. Large gathering have been held at all functions. Final figures for the Ball are at hand showing a profit in the vicinity of £59.

Some 102 guests were at the annual smoke night held on November 9th. The monthly socials have also been very well attended. At this stage members are reminded that the last social of the year will be held on December 22nd. This should really have a holiday mood and promises to be a super night. The raffle will also be drawn on that night.

SLIPWAY:

Bookings are still heavy for the slips and any enquiries should be directed to the slipmaster Dick Blades re future bookings. The lights under the slip cover have now been unified and now provide excellent illumination for night work.

THE CREEK:

A large flow of water has been noticed recently in the creek and this will no doubt cause a general movement of silt in the channel with some improvement of depth. Also the dragline is again working at the creek mouth which should leave the entrance in good condition for the summer months.

COMING EVENTS:

Social at Clubhouse November 24th 8 P.M.

Three Races commencing at 10-30 A.M., November 25th.

Monthly Meeting at Clubhouse 8 P.M., December 4th.

Three Races commencing at 10-30 A.M. with
Devon Tea at 3-30 P.M. on December 9th.

Childrens' Party at 2P.M. on December 16th.

Last Social of year at Clubhouse 8 P.M. on
December 22nd.

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ANCHOR

DECEMBER 1962

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EDITORIAL: Christmas and New Year are a time when history and tradition move closer into our lives than at any other time of the year. Most of us, I think, tend to regard tradition as something of the old world, yet, on reflecting, we find that this proud heritage of ours, this brown sunburnt land has, in a relatively few short years of history created memories and customs that will live on for ever.

But is the creating of this strange, often intangible thing, which we call Tradition, is it finished? Will there be no more customs, no more ideas originating in our time that will be handed down for generations to come? No, if any man is worth his living, then by his living something, no matter how small lives on.

The world of the sea is rich in tradition. One would perhaps think that no more could be crammed into it's strange lore. Yet, here in this country of ours we have created something that is perhaps as dear to the hearts of boat lovers as Father Christmas is to little children. I speak of course of the Sydney - Hobart Yacht Race, held each year during the Christmas - New Year period. We are motor boat men I know, yet can any of us deny the thrill of that proud moment as these stout-hearted craft nose their way out of Port Jackson Heads and push southward toward the Apple Isle. From small beginnings, many years ago this event has grown, and should it for any reason, ever be abandoned, then a part of Australian life would die. Often as I have lain on a bunk, during a warm December night and listened to the reports of those proud little ships battling their way across the wind swept waters of Bass Straight, I have felt the touch of a

mighty hand, extended out over the water to all those who might go down to the sea in ships, a hand bearing that glorious message - "Peace on Earth, Goodwill toward men".

WHALLEY CUP: Details of the Whalley Cup race to be run on March 16th next year have been finalised. Entry forms are now available from Secretary Ross White. Some departure from the procedure of other years is to be observed this time when course instructions will be given to participants in the event, prior to their leaving Mordialloc on the day of the race. This will eliminate the often difficult business of scrambling up strange jetties when manouvering can be made hazardous by the large number of competing craft or prevailing weather conditions. All craft which take part in the event get a small tankard or plaque. Tankards etc. for entrants in the 1962 race will be distributed at the Christmas Social on December 22nd.

CONVALESCENT LIST: Tod Waite had the misfortune recently to be involved in a motor accident. Hope we will see him about again for Christmas.

George Perry is still recovering from his unfortunate accident earlier this year. Dick Blades has been the good Samaritan and driven George on many occasions when he has had to attend hospital for special treatment. Dick has been able to pass onto George all MMYC members' sincere wishes for his successful recovery with the thoughts that he will soon be seen around the island again.

Jim Smith was admitted to Prince Henry's Hospital on December 7th and was operated on for appendicitis.

RESCUE OFF BEAUMARIS MOTOR YACHT HEADQUARTERS: On the afternoon of Sunday, November 18th Colin Clayton with friends was cruising in Dart. A fresh south westerly was blowing. About a quarter of a mile off the Beaumaris Motor Yacht Headquarters they sighted an upturned yacht. When they neared the boat the occupants, a young man and a woman, were found in the water, both suffering from cold and exhaustion. The man had severely gashed his arm and both people were incapable of helping themselves. With the high seas running it took over half an hour to bring these people on board Dart. The yacht was left to drift ashore as towing in the conditions prevailing was impossible.

ALONG THE WATERFRONT: How nice it was to come onto the island the other day and see the seats being brightly painted by a team of ladies from the club. The job was carried out in a most excellent fashion. This was really no surprise. They were under the direction of that old master Richard E. Blades. The paint was generously donated by Bert Wells.

While on the subject of paint, some strange painty finger prints have appeared on the chairs in the clubhouse following the painting of the tables. Anyone who might possess a detective kit is at liberty to solve this most baffling crime.

Don't be alarmed if you see an iceberg in the Bay. It will most likely be Jack Prince's boat Psyche. Jack has installed a refrigerator which is powered by the boat engine. It is rather a pity that the present beer shortage will not let Jack test it to capacity over the holiday period.

Jack Prince is reported to be giving up the plumbing game and going in for quick change artistry instead. At least that is what happened at last month's social. He also performs well as a juggler with cups of coffee.

Have you noticed that strange look of relief on Jim Smith's face lately. (That is before his appendix episode). His daughter Margaret was married to Vic. Robinson at St. John's church, Essendon on 17th November last. After honeymooning in the Swan Hill and Mildura area they have now returned to live at Mooroolbark.

Bill Wither's daughter Rhoda has recently announced her engagement to Ewen Cunningham.

SOCIAL NEWS: The last three monthly socials have been very popular events, that is, if we can judge by the large crowd of members and friends who have attended. The last social for this year will be held on December the 22nd. Whalley Cup tankards will be distributed on that night and the raffle will be drawn. All persons holding raffle tickets are requested to have the butts in to Ross White or Bill Lipscombe by that date but preferably by no later than the day of the Children's Xmas Party, December 16th.

The first social for 1963 will be held on the 2nd March. There will be no social in January or February. This is because of impending public holidays and the Royal Visit.

RACING NEWS: Events to date have been very interesting and varied. New members should note that these events are not necessarily "races" as is generally understood but quite often tests of judgement, or just sometimes plain good luck. These events form a very important part of our club life and all members should be sufficiently interested to take part in the program for 1963. The only person who will have to work harder is the handicapper. Skippers intending to take part in the "Dart" trophy race on February 10th are reminded that they should have a crew member or passenger on board for this event.

Noticeable placings in the races so far and worthy of comment are a first place in the "Lorelei" trophy to George

Bates in his new boat "Norma". This is the first race George has won for many years and no doubt he has full confidence now in his taking a few more. Ross White broke his duck when his boat came first in the "H. Swift Crew Members" Trophy. Although always a very close runner up 'Tawarri' has never been first over the line until that race.

Aggregate point score on Sunday 9th December stands as follows :-

Mavric	(A. Bowden)	301
Dart	(K. Clayton)	294
K Gee	(K. Glenister)	254
Marlo	(J. Smith)	236

Races were not held on that day owing to strong south westerly winds. However, a successful Devon Tea was held in the afternoon.

USEFUL BOATING AID: During the afternoon of December 9th a very interesting demonstration was conducted by a salesman from Email Ltd. and Ken Clayton. A dozen or so members witnessed this demonstration which went as follows:-

An engine on Dart was started to prove that in fact it would run. Then the distributor cap was removed and hosed with water. It was replaced and an attempt was made to start the engine. It was, as could be expected, no go. The cap was then removed and sprayed with a pressure pack compound designed to combat moisture in marine installations. Having replaced the cap again, a very worried Ken once more pressed the starter button. No go again. Again removing the distributor cap, the salesman sprayed it again. He replaced it and on trying the motor again, it started immediately.

This compound, which, in fact, amazed everyone who watched the demonstration, should be quite useful on boats. A particular advantage would be the prevention of condensation which forms on wiring during winter months. It also prevents rust and acts as a freeing agent for tight bolts. Cans are available at 18/- each, and can be obtained from Ross White or Ken Clayton. A special discount has been allowed by the manufacturers to the club.

The Commodore and Flag Officers of the Mordialloc Motor Yacht Club wish all members a very merry Christmas and a successful and happy New Year.
