

# JIB SHEETS



**September October 2019**

MTYC OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER



**River Cruising  
Grand Final Weekend—Night Sky**

**Melbourne Trailable Yacht Club Inc**

Registration No A2058

Website: [www.mtyc.yachting.org.au](http://www.mtyc.yachting.org.au)

## MTYC Committee 2019—2020

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## Calendar Highlights...

**FRIDAY Twilight and SATURDAY Race Oct 11 and 12**

**Twilight Racing on Thursday Nights continues from October 17**

**Season Opening at Docklands: 21-22 October**

**Summer Short Course 1 - October 27**

**Cup Weekend Cruising—Gippsland Lakes      November 2—5**

**GTYC Pelican Race—Traveller Series      Geelong November 9**

**Around Sunday Island Race—Traveller Series      December 7**

**Annual Christmas Party      December 14**

**Twilight Fish and Chips Cruise      December 19**

**For more details, other events and regular racing see the Events calendar on the MTYC website. Also watch for club update emails for further information.**

# Commodore's Report – September 2019

## Welcome to the 2019-2020 sailing season.

Your membership is now due and you should have received an invoice for this. If you haven't or there is an error or problem with your invoice let us know.

Welcome home to those members that sought respite from the Melbourne winter in more Northern latitudes. Congratulations to those that while there participated in tropical regattas.

36 members enjoyed our Annual Dinner & Presentation Night at the Rising Sun Hotel in South Melbourne. Thanks to Fynn Sawyer for his great assistance with the presentation of prizes.

Thanks to the members that made a full day of it by attending the Australian Sailing, Club Race Officer course at the State Sailing Centre at Albert Park earlier in the day.

Over the past couple of months, we've enjoyed the Trailable Yacht Division's Winter Seminar Series. with increased attendances at all 3 seminars. Thank to the MTYC members Leo Reid and Vikki Grimley that put together a great opening seminar on the Tasmanian Cruise, to Peter Wellby from Offshore Weather services for the enlightening seminar on weather modelling and Greg Goodall for his brilliant presentation on the black art of sailmaking. Special thanks are reserved for Ron Parker for his continued management of these events and his excellence in finding and securing such entertaining presenters and seminar topics. Your committee has worked hard at putting together a comprehensive list of events in the new seasons calendar. All events can be found under events on the Club's website.

[mtyc.yachting.org.au/events/calendar/](http://mtyc.yachting.org.au/events/calendar/)

All of these events are made better with good participation, so come along, meet your fellow members and enjoy your membership.

Included in the calendar are cruising and social events as well as a variety of racing formats.

One change you will notice is that a couple of the Thursday Twilight sailing evenings have moved to Friday evenings.

These evenings precede a Summer Series long course race on the Saturday. Our intention is that some members may find it attractive to bring their yachts to the marina on Friday to enjoy the twilight sailing then stay on for Saturday's race, likewise perhaps some Twilight sailors may stay on for the following days sailing.

Another change is to the Women's Sailing Series. These 2 race days (3 races) are dedicated to the Women's Sailing Series, with 2 races on day 1 (1 Dec) and 1 short course race on the second day (15 March) which will be followed by an afternoon BBQ not only to celebrate the Women's Series but open to all members as a Sunday afternoon social gathering. So save the date now.

See you on the water soon

Doug

(A printed calendar for your frig is enclosed with the mailed edition of this Jibsheet.)



A special waiter at Leo's Spaghetti Bar in St Kilda in August...



# Lake Tyers – More than just a boating destination?

After meeting up with friends at Lakes Entrance and then a different group of friends at Cape Conran we were looking for somewhere else to spend a couple of nights on the water before heading back to Melbourne. Having heard little about Lake Tyers we decided to do an exploratory trip.

We launched on a Thursday around 3pm at Lake Tyers Boat Ramp & Jetty. The ramp itself is a twin ramp with floating pontoons. The length of the ramp suggests that there can be quite a range of water heights but this wasn't our experience. When we launched (and retrieved) there was only about 1 metre of depth. The car parking area can accommodate up to about 15 cars and trailers but, with less than a handful of cars in it, parking wasn't a problem. When we retrieved on the Saturday the car park was full and near overflowing. Bear in mind that this was during the Easter holidays so it was definitely peak time.

After launching we followed the short channel until reaching the main body of the lake. Soon after we encountered the only power line which crosses the lake. At a height of 15 metres above the water it's not an issue for most trailer sailers.

Around 4:30 or so we arrived at our planned overnight stop which was behind the finger at Trident Arm Boat Launch. I was unsure how much boat wake we were likely to experience so this seemed like a good sheltered spot for the first night. The bank



was steep enough that we could nose in very close to the seaweed covered bank. A 1.5m fender board gangplank was enough to keep to keep our feet dry coming and going from the boat. We had barely finished tying up when we were met by the land's current lease holder, Terry. He welcomed us to stay but said fires were not permitted. Most of the property south of 'the island' was privately owned or lease hold and had the same restriction but north of it camp fires were fine. He went on to mention the issues he has had with campers leaving their rubbish behind and it seems he now keeps a close eye on the comings and goings of his property.

The mozzies were out in force for an hour or so around dusk which wasn't entirely unexpected but coils and repellent were enough to send most of them looking for easier targets.

The night itself was very quiet and peaceful; silent except for the occasional splash of a mullet (according to Terry) jumping out of the water. Before bed we took the boys for an hour long walk along the beach to see if we could spot anything by torchlight in the water or the nearby shoreline trees. Ironically they found most pleasure in seeing who could find the biggest and most complete crab husk, which were plentiful.

Friday morning we woke to dead calm waters and nil wind. After a fairly leisurely breakfast we were on our way by about 9am heading to Nowa Nowa for lunch. The day was beautifully sunny and the farmlands of civilisation soon disappeared behind us to be replaced by natural forest. Bird life became more abundant with the highlight being the eagles soaring overhead. There was very little boat traffic as anglers tend to head to a particular spot and then stay there for a while. For them I guess we were the traffic. It was actually a pity to have the sound of the motor destroying the tranquillity. On the positive side the motor was preventing me from hearing a chorus of "Are we there yet?" from the boys. :)

Since we don't have a depth sounder I tended to stick somewhere between the middle of the river and two-thirds of the way across on the outside of all the bends. The motor ended up touching bottom on one sweeping corner where the inner bank extended more than halfway across the river but being mud bottomed it really wasn't an issue. Terry did tell us not to go beyond the Nowa Nowa boat ramp as you'll lose your prop on the rocks. These rocks were clearly visible above the water when we were there but if the river was half a metre higher they wouldn't be.

We arrived in Nowa Nowa at 11:30. Again the steep sided bank meant we could nose up and step straight off onto dry land. There is plenty of space with a walking path running adjacent so there's plenty of room for everyone. There is a small floating pontoon zoned for loading and a single lane ramp. Unfortunately I forgot to take a close look at the ramp to see how suitable it is for yacht launching or retrieval. There is a small jetty right beside it so I suspect it would be fine. We had a brief wander through the small town before having lunch by the riverside. I didn't stop in to check the menu (or the beer) at the Nowa Nowa Tavern but if I was overnighing here I certainly would.

Leaving Nowa Nowa at about 2pm a southerly had come through at a fairly consistent 5 knots with up to 10 knot gusts. If you were to sail this stretch of water this would be the ideal wind direction. It was consistent in all the north-south facing parts of the river (which is most of it) but dropping to much lower (or nothing) on the east-west parts.

We were hoping to find somewhere to stay about a mile or two above 'the island' where we could have a camp fire and deliver on the unfulfilled promise of toasted marshmallows. There are roads leading to the east side of the river within this general area and when we arrived there were a number of campers already set up.



On the west bank of the river there appeared to be very few flat areas, and with trees coming nearly down to the waters edge, there's not many suitable clearings either. We did manage to find a good little spot on the eastern side with the only concern being boat wake as we were in the main river rather than one of the many tributaries. Given it was getting late in the day I figured this wouldn't be too much of a problem. I was actually pleasantly surprised when most boats, especially those with the

deeper V hulls, would slow down as they went past us. I assume they are doing this for any boat parked on the edge of the river.

The wind dropped out as it got darker and again we had a secluded location where we saw and heard no one even though we knew a number of campsites were within 500 metres of us but over the other side of the hill. There was a pile of bottles and other rubbish left from previous visitors which was disappointing. We decided to bag it and take it out with us. With plenty of easily accessible fallen trees a campfire completed the perfect camping picture. Making the most of teaching the boys about responsibility we put them in charge of lighting and maintaining it; such is the opportunities of boating and camping.



After another peaceful night and leisurely breakfast we packed up and headed back to the ramp. Arriving at about 11am, and being Easter Saturday, the ramp was quite busy but everybody was friendly and there was none of the argie-bargie witnessed at some of the city ramps. Conveniently there was a lull when we retrieved such that we didn't have anyone waiting on us.

So, is Lake Tyers a potential sailing destination? I would definitely say “yes”. However, I would plan a trip to the Lakes and keep an eye on the weather. If 10 knots southerly was forecast I would go for it with the intention of sailing north and overnighting at Nowa Nowa. Even if the next day required motoring back to the ramp. The camping aspect is a real treat and worth considering spending the extra night. This mightn't be a trip you would do regularly but certainly it is a trip you should do at least once.

Useful links:

<https://www.gippslandports.vic.gov.au>

[https://gippsports.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?](https://gippsports.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=b0359988ca3241729e331f284f44587c&center=148.1,-37.81&level=13)

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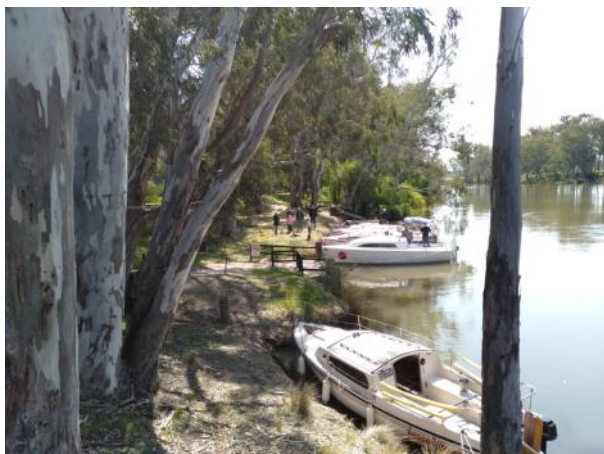
# Winery Cruise Grand Final Weekend...



Dinner at the Royal Mail Hotel in Nagambie Friday evening



Molly directing Vikki



Tied up on the river at Michelton



Michelton...



# How to Use a Hurling Line

I recently read a book by Sir Robin Knox Johnston about his life at sea – *“Knox-Johnston on Seamanship & Seafaring: Lessons & experiences from the 50 years since the start of his record-breaking voyage”*. The first half of the book was dedicated to some of the main skills and issues he saw were important from his 50 years of ocean sailing while the second half of the book was all about his experiences. It’s not a bad read.

One of the skills which rung a bell with me was about how to prepare and throw a hurling line. For those who don’t know a hurling line is a rope you throw to a jetty or other boat when you are coming alongside. On larger vessels the hurling line can be a light line to send across which you then tie to a heavier mooring line to get it ashore. How many times have you seen someone throw a rope to a jetty only to have it get tangled mid air and get nowhere near its intended destination! It always makes for a good laugh but can also be very stressful while coming up to a jetty!

So, I thought I would pass on his words of wisdom, and just to make it 100% clear its Robin’s wisdom not mine ☹!!

The main thing to know about a hurling line is how to prepare the line BEFORE you hurl it. His recommended way is to form about 4 to 5 loops at the end of the line in a loop approximately 400mm to 500mm long, making sure the loops lay side by side. The actual length should be suited to you and your boat conditions. Obviously if you are more restricted in space a smaller loop would be better. Then leave a length of line about 1m and make another 4 to 5 loops the same size. The idea is to not have the loops too long or too many loops so they don’t get tangled. It’s worth practising with different lines you use to see what’s best.

Now it’s time to try and hurl your line. To state the obvious, make sure the other end of the line (the end not being thrown) is secured to something! Stand with the loops at the end of the line (the first set you formed) in your dominant hand and the second set of loops in your other hand. The idea is to hurl the loops with your dominant hand towards the target and then release the other loops in the same direction just behind the first lot. The second group of loops don’t need to be hurled as hard – it is more about releasing the line so that it doesn’t get tangled and is available to be dragged along by the first group.

He also suggests that a small weight (such as a monkey’s fist knot) at the end of the line can help. I did a monkey’s fist at the end of a short line about 1m long which I leave in my cockpit locker. This can be tied to the end of any rope you need to hurl to create the weight. To be honest I don’t use it much but it’s there if I need it. Here’s a link to how to do a monkey’s fist knot: <https://www.animatedknots.com/monkeys-fist-knot> There are other sites which have progressive pictures rather than a video.



Then it’s a matter of practise, practise, practise. It doesn’t take too many tries to get it right and even my first attempt was much better than my previous attempts at throwing a line! Try setting up a target at just less than the length of the line and see how close to the target you can get it.

This sounds like a good activity at the next happy hour – a hurling line competition!

Happy hurling!

Leo Reid



## Victorian Trailable Yacht Division 2019-20 Trailable Yachts Season Opening Weekend Saturday 19 & Sunday 20 October 2019



Victoria's Trailable Yacht Division with support from Clubs and Associations is coordinating a weekend to celebrate the opening of the 2019-20 sailing season and promote trailable yacht sailing events scheduled across the State for the coming season.

What do I need to do to join this event?

1. Telephone Melbourne City Marina (03) 9658 8738, mention the Trailable Yacht Season Opening event and book your berthing (\$45/boat/night)
2. Book your Saturday night dinner tickets (\$50/head) online - [CLICK HERE](#)

PROGRAM	
Saturday 19 Oct	Cruise in to Melbourne City Marina Docklands in the company of your fellow sailors.
1600 – 1830hrs	Season Opening Welcome; Presentations and BYO "Happy - Hour" in the Marina Lounge
1900hrs	Dinner at "Renzo's Bar". 46 Newquay Promenade, Docklands. (same side of Docklands as the Marina). "Cruising Helmsman" Bob Couper Memorial Nautical Trivia Quiz
Sunday 20 Oct	Safety workshop – Man overboard, procedures and practices
1000 – 1200hrs	
1200 – 1500hrs	"Discover Sailing Day" - a fantastic opportunity to take your friends, work colleagues or family to enjoy a short sail, potentially on a variety of trailable yachts.
Tell your friends and invite them along for a sail in the city	

**cruising**  
helmsman

**Further Information:** Websites: [Victorian Trailable Yacht Division](#) or [discoversailing.org.au](#) or your club / association.

TYD 2019-20 Season Opening Flyer SEPTEMBER 2019

Watch your email for details of a cruise in company from St Kilda to Docklands on the Saturday



MTYC are seeking the skills of a woodwork enthusiast to assist with the remodelling/ updating of some of our perpetual trophies. If this sounds like a job for you or someone you know email the club or call Doug: 0417 148 898



**SAVE THE DATE**

**Saturday 14 December**

**MTYC Christmas Party**

We're planning something special so don't double book yourself.

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## The Travels of *Deja Vu*

<https://hotel370.blog/>

*Déjà Vu* is a Cavalier 37 which Peter and Janet bought over a year ago. Since then, they have been working hard to bring the boat back to a good cruising standard.

After their adventures in Tassie earlier this year, they are now heading up the East Coast looking for warmer weather...

Janet has been recording their adventures in a blog and they are a great read. We have Janet's permission to share their adventures with you. *Déjà Vu* has now turned south after reaching points in far north Queensland...



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Your Membership is now due and you should have received an invoice.

If you haven't received the invoice or there is an error in your invoice or

**you can't remember your MTYC Log In details....**

Send an email or call Doug 0417 148 898

Doug's Tip:

Save it on your phone for:

All your Silver Card credentials

Quickly and easily register for Club events

Contact other members directly

and more..

If you would like to add your contact details to the list so other MTYC Members can contact you directly

(ONLY CURRENT MTYC MEMBERS CAN VIEW THIS LIST)

reply to this email with your name, email and/or mobile number.

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**We need Members to log in to check and update their personal information on the club database.**

**MAKE SURE ALL Your details are correct**

Especially:-

**Emergency Contact Information** Check that it's **there** and **correct**

**Date of Birth** is correct (this is one of the details the system uses to identify you as you)

**Email Address** please make sure it's correct (and the one you look at)

**Boat Details** from 112 members there are currently 11 boats in the club????

Thank you for your help with this.

Log In here <https://mtyc.yachting.org.au/login/>

Use the Forgot Log In Details to reset your password or see above.

Thank You



# 2019-2020 Traveller Series

	Date	Club	Event Details
1	9 Nov 2019	Geelong Trailable Yacht Club	Pelican Race Geelong - NOR Coming Soon
2	7 Dec 2019	Port Albert Yacht Club	Around Sunday Island Race - NOR Coming Soon
3	18 Jan 2020	Warneet Motor Yacht Club	Around French Island Race - NOR Coming Soon
4	7 Mar 2020	Gippsland Lakes Yacht Club	<a href="#">Marlay Point Overnight Race</a>
5	21&22 Mar 2020	Gippsland Lakes Yacht Club	Trailable Yacht and Sports Boat State Championships
6	2 May 2020	Melbourne Trailable Yacht Club	Four Points Race

Well done to Steve Oakley, one of the three Noelex 25 that completed the 2019 Hamilton Island Race Week. Pipedream, Quo Vardis and Wild Honey finished the series on 19 points, ending up 2nd, 3rd and 4th overall .

Results:<http://www.topyacht.net.au/resu.../2019/hirw/trail/SGrp25.htm...>

