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MTYC OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER



Marlay Point Overnight Race

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Calendar Highlights—the next few months...

	Date	MTYC Events	Location		
May	Sat 2	YV Traveller Series MTYC 4 points Race 10am	St Kilda Marina, 0800hrs briefing		
2015	Sun 17	Women's Sailing Series	St Kilda Marina, 0945hrs briefing		
2012	Sat 23	AGM	Docklands		
	Sat 23 Sun 24	Cruise and Dinner Docklands	Docklands		
lune	Sat 6—Mon 8	Refuge Cove Cruise			
001E	Fri 19	Winter Seminar			
2015	Sun 21	Winter Race 1	St Kilda Marina, 0945hrs briefing		
	Sat 27	Restaurant Night			
luly	Fri 17	Winter Seminar			
2015	Sun 19	Winter Race 2	St Kilda Marina, 0945hrs briefing		

Watch your email box for further information and confirmation of venues etc...

Commodore's Report – April 2015

Annual General Meeting – May 23rd Docklands

I hope everyone has had a great summer full of sailing adventures. This year's Annual General Meeting will be held in the Melbourne City Marina Docklands lounge. This lounge is brand new, boasting Australia's best marina lounge with spectacular views over Victoria Harbour. The Club has combined the meeting with a Docklands' Cruise and BBQ dinner in the lounge for a night in the city.

Four Points Race

Entries are now open for the Melbourne Trailable Yacht Clubs annual Four Points race which will be held on Saturday 2nd of May. This year, we again have great prices from Ronstan, including Sunglasses, Crew Bags, Wind Meters and Backpacks. Each yacht entry will include a Skipper's pack, which is a Ronstan 10L dry back, containing MTYC Cap and Stubby Holder and SunSense Sports SPF 50+ sun cream. After the race, presentations will be held at St Kilda Yacht Squadron, followed by dinner at Topolinos. Please send in your entry forms if you have not already done so and support the Club by joining in on the race.

Mad March 2015

I like to call March rather Mad for sailing, because there is typically lots of racing events, be it Club based or state based wrapping up for the Summer before the daylight saving ends. This year's events went over the top, starting mid-February with the Club's second Latitude Race which was a challenging day that included rain and a 360 degree wind change. The next weekend, a number of members enjoyed the around French Island Race out of Warneet, which was a typical Marlay Point but during daytime. Adding to that, the yearly Marlay Point overnight race held during Labour Day weekend was no surprise at all. Well done to all those that stuck it out with the light winds and backward tidal flow in the straights! Following that, for two consecutive weekends were the Australian Noelex 25/30 Championships and the Victoria Trailable Yacht Championships which were held at Gippsland Lake Yacht Club. Congratulations to all the members who participated in these highly competitive sailing championships. The Twilight Sailing series then concluded at the end of

March, a big thank you to Bob and Jan Reeves for running another season. The Summer series ended with a long course out on the Bay at the last weekend of March. It was then followed by the Club's annual Easter Regatta at Yarrawonga. Some members took the opportunity to continue their sailing journey and met in Pittwater Sydney to cruise for a couple of weeks. That is eight consecutive weekends of sailing followed by two weeks of cruising. That is mad, so well done to Ron who did it all and a medal for Ruth for supporting the madness.

Yarrawonga

This year the Club enjoyed a big turnout at Yarrawonga, with 12 yachts making up the fleet. Members, families and friends enjoyed the Easter Regatta on Lake Mulwala, the Yarrawonga Yacht club grounds and its facilities with organised activities such as a Recycled Yacht Race, Hollywood Themed Quiz and Movie Night and a visit from Easter Bunny. Many thanks to Sue and Lloyd Graham, Doug Whitby and Mark Sills for organising the weekend.

That concludes the Summer sailing and with winter is closing in, it is time to tinker around your yachts for the much needed upkeep and maintenance.

Dean Hansen

THURSDAY NIGHTS

Well it was a pretty ordinary season – 8 abandonments out of 20 races - but that's Melbourne's weather – the sea breeze comes in as a howling gale.

Lost a few boats this season – some we hope to see again – and we had a bit of competition with Hobson's Bay Yacht Club who decided to race on a Thursday Night (also) around the marks that we use!!

The season started with Warbo's being launched onto the ramp instead of into the water – and a few hassles with the use of the Coast Guard verandah (all of these have now been sorted out).

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Vale Bob Gunson

Bob Gunson, who was at the first inaugural meeting back on the 28 June 1973 and became our first Commodore, died in February, aged 94. He had two boats; a Hartley 16 and later an 18 foot Ultimate. Bob is one of the club's life members and although he had a stroke about 4 years ago he still had a sense of humor. I asked him what did he do to live to 91 years old, his reply was "choose your parents carefully"

Although he did not take part in any recent activities he still followed the club through the Fib Sheets newsletters. He would always go out of his way to assist me with answers to my questions about the early years of the club during the years that I was commodore.

Darrell Reid (the other life member)

Marg happened to spend a week at the Lakes with Bob's daughter Christine in January, not knowing this particular connection until receiving Darrell's email. We were reminiscing about Bob while out in the boat. Christine sent me a part of Bob's eulogy...

Bob's love of yachting commenced in the 1950's in Colac where he sailed a 16 foot sharpie: winning many trophies. He played a major role in building a clubhouse for the Colac



Yacht Club and was Commodore for several years. He grew tired of the risk of tipping over and getting wet so he upgraded to a more stable boat: a Hartley Trailer Sailer, which he built himself, in the late 60's.

At this time, Bob's work moved the family to Melbourne, and he became involved as a foundation member of the Trailable Yacht Club. After several years of sailing his Hartley "Mavis J" he upgraded to an Ultimate, "C-Joy". He loved his time sailing from Williamstown, in the Marley Point race, at Yarrawonga, motoring along the Yarra or the Maribyrnong Rivers and trailing his boat to Queensland for the winter each year in his retirement: camping in the boat and saving motel fees along the way.

Bob's daughter, Christine, reminisces that Bob had made the Hartley "unsinkable". There was a time in the Whitsundays when the weather suddenly turned bad and while she sheltered in the cabin, and her mother, Mavis, was certain they were going to capsize and drown, Bob confidently negotiated rather large storm



waves to get them back safely to shore. He remained undaunted - re-assuring there was never any reason for concern!

Upon retirement, Bob took up piano and pianola repairs and restoration. When he was working in his garage he'd often step outside to check the weather and say "not sure why I'm here working, a man's got to be mad – I should be out sailing".

Thank you to all who have shared yachting friendships and experiences with Bob – you made his life all the richer.



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MELBOURNE TRAILABLE YACHT CLUB Inc.

Registration No A0002058Z

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

6:00 PM

Saturday 23rd May 2015

Venue:

Marina Lounge

Melbourne City Marina

Docklands

Combined AGM & Docklands social night BBQ

(all in one!!!)

Sat 23 May 2015

6:00pm for the AGM 700:pm for the BBQ

Waterfront City Marina – "Harbour View Room"

BYO drinks; nibblies, something to BBQ and a salad

and desert to share.

Come by sea or by land. For those staying

overnight on their boat

Email: berthing@melbourne.vic.gov.au

https://www.melbourne.vic.gov.au/ParksandActivities/Waterways/Pages/PublicberthingatDocklands.aspx

When booking a berth mention you're with the MTYC group

or Phone: (03) 9658 8738

Sail up the river from St Kilda or Warmies or drive to Docklands and join us at the New "Harbor View Room",

Waterfront City Marina Office and Harbour Vie Room has moved to,

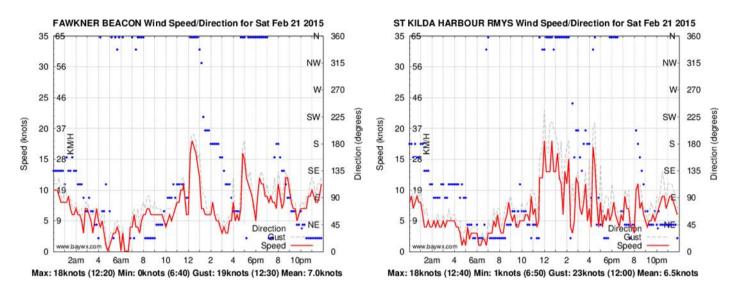
Unit 120, 439 Docklands Drive, Melbourne Docklands VIC 3008

upstairs and between Sushi Sukum and The James Hotel

Phone: (03) 9658 8738

Latitude Race—Saturday 21 February 2015

The BOM forecast issued for Port Phillip said it all: "Variable about 10 knots becoming northeasterly 5 to 10 knots this morning. Winds tending east to south east 10 to 15 knots this afternoon except in the far north where winds will be variable at less than 10 knots." True to the forecast, the wind was quite variable in direction and strength confirmed by the wind plots below from Fawkner Beacon and St Kilda breakwater:



The race started just after 1300hrs and a 15knot northerly provided champagne sailing conditions with spinnakers flying, flat water and a balmy 30 something degrees. All seemed great till the fleet was halfway down the leg southwards when the northerly wind dissipated and was replaced by a light south-easterly sea breeze. For some boats there was a spinnaker run back towards the finish before the sea breeze dissipated.



Noelex 25 **Sayonara**, Ultimate 18 **Unicorn** and Castle 650 **No Excuses**, shortly after the start, off Elwood enjoying champagne sailing conditions

As the afternoon continued to heat up the conditions produced local thunderstorms over Melbourne and the top of Port Phillip. The winds became very light and variable, particularly around the Sandringham shoreline.

Latitude Race...

There were major holes in the wind and it became a frustrating waiting game for the fleet furthest south. The time limit of four hours was beginning to take it's toll and a number of boats realised they were not going to finish in time.

A thunderstorm warning was issued by the BOM and some very localised heavy rain and stronger northerly winds came across the sailing area. Fortunately the worst of the thunderstorm passed by and quickly dispersed, not badly affecting the boats still racing.

The following table lists the boats' required latitude based on the Performance Based Handicap and the results of the day's race.

Yacht	Class	Skipper	Performance Based Handi- cap	Leg 1 Distance (NM)	Latitude Decimal minutes	Result
No Excuses	Castle 650	Mark McLellan	0.694	7.18	-37 59.38	1st
Running Free	Noelex 25	David Philipps	0.725	7.50	-37 59.70	2nd
Callisto	South Coast 22	David Nott	0.625	6.47	-37 58.67	3rd
Tainui	Noelex 25	Ron Parker	0.725	7.50	-37 59.70	DNF
O'Really II	Noelex 25	Dennis Bromley	0.671	6.94	-37 59.15	DNF
Sayonara	Noelex 25	Kevin Streets	0.671	6.94	-37 59.15	DNF
Sunray	Hartley 16	Doug Whitby	0.599	6.20	-37 58.40	DNF
Unicorn	Ultimate 18	Adrian Cassar	0.599	6.20	-37 58.40	DNF



Well done to the boats that finished with only minutes (and some boats seconds) to spare after four hours of sailing. It will be interesting to run this event in a southerly wind when boats will need to tack down to their required latitude and the fleet could end up more widely spread across the sailing area between St Kilda and Beaumaris.

Ron Parker, 23 February 2015

MPONR









Pictures from the start, crossing Lake Wellington, and in the McLennan Straits during the 2015 MPONR.

Pictures marked LWYC are from the LWYC web-site.



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MPONR—one perspective

Once again the MPONR has been and gone. The LWYC were pleased that entries were up a bit this year, and the weather looked as though it might be OK. Well for some it was!

Our Marlay started on Friday as the boat was in Paynesville and due to unforseen circumstances we had no tow car. So we had to get the boat to the start. After checking the boat out and offloading as much of the cruising gear still on board from the last outing into the (very small) car at our disposal, we then spent some time hanging around in Paynesville waiting for the wind to moderate a bit—a 20 knot headwind was not going to be a fun delivery. Finally around 7.30pm we decided that it was OK. The wind was definitely moderating! As we got out into Lake Victoria it was still a bit lumpy so we headed for Sperm Whale head to wait it out a bit more. We had a meal while tied to the jetty in the shelter of a big cruiser, although it was fairly quiet there anyway. A couple of small trimirans were also waiting it out. We slept-dozedfor a while but didn't hear the others leave, and finally left around 6am. We motored into the now light headwind and went through Hollands Landing about 8.30 am, waving to the tri crews. Half an hour later we ran out of fuel! Our 6 knot run had gone through 12 litres fairly quickly. After refuelling we continued on, getting to Plover Point around 9.30am. Entering the lake there was a very pronounced wind against tide effect—the current was the wrong way!!! As we went out into the lake the wind was again coming up, and still on the nose, but given we had time we decided to sail across, and also conserve some fuel. So around 12.45pm we made it to Marlay Point.

Our sheltered anchorage had long gone so we joined others along the beach. At least the wind was offshore, and it was reasonably quiet. During the afternoon the wind very slowly moderated and the briefing confirmed the weather forecast—continuing to moderate. The big question was whether the afternoon's stronger wind would keep the current flowing the right way for us in the evening, or whether the wind would continue to have enough puff to get us through the straits against the current.

After briefing and some food, we got ourselves in order and went out to the start. We had a debate about using the kite or the genoa, and decided on the latter as the wind was still a bit gusty. (Yes, we need more practice with the kite, too!)

After a clear start, we headed east and had a great reach across Lake Wellington, reaching the Plover Point mark an hour and a half later. We rounded and headed for the Straits, and the moment of truth. As we felt our way towards the green light, determined not to fall foul of its clutches this year we managed, with a couple of tacks to get through the shallows and into deep water.

Sadly that is where we stopped, along with many others! In ten minutes we had drifted up and down several times and finally decided to drop anchor. For the next 6 or 7 hours, we played cat and mouse with wind and current, gaining metres here and there, not miles. Around 5am some wind came in and we managed several very slow miles, tacking, and were pleased to gain on some boats, but by 10am we still hadn't reached Holland's landing and with the wind again dropping out, we decided that the motor would need to take us home, or Terry would miss his train!

We stopped at Holland's to stretch our legs and report our DNF, but the system was different so we eventually went through the race documents to find a phone number to call. Then we headed for Loch Sport as we weren't sure our fuel still about 9 litres—would get us back to Paynesville, given the time constraints.

By this time the wind had come in again, so we could sail if needed, but there was no way we would have made the cutoff if we had waited in the straits for that to eventuate, and it would have been very tight for the train too... As it was, we got back to Paynesville around 3pm, in time for the 4.30 train!

Special thanks to Ron and Ruth for again hosting the after party. Around 40–50 attended and it was a great night. All enjoyed the recitation of a poem—Marlay Madness. Maybe some others will write more for next issue.

Some observations:

One of my frustrations this year was to have been stopped after such a great crossing of Lake Wellington. Once at home I checked the gps tracks of the MPONRs that I had kept, and found that since 2010 this year was certainly our best sail across Wellington, given the SW start. Most other tracks showed us tacking or drifting across in three hours plus. Obviously the wind plays a huge part in the race, especially in determining the direction of the current in the straits!

In past races, we have had adventures of various kinds, running aground, breakages, sick crew, but we have usually managed to finish. Since 2010, entering 5 out of the 6 races, we have only managed to finish 2. Between 1991 and 2009, we finished 8 having entered 9 races during that time, mostly before 2002.

Marlay Point is still a lot of fun, and we will give it another go next year I hope, and maybe this time we will get a finish!

Marg Goddard Special Edition

Safety Warning on Portable Butane 'Lunchbox' Cookers

Date Published: 1st April 2015

With the Easter holidays approaching the ACCC wishes to remind consumers that State gas regulators have stopped the sale of a large number of portable gas stoves as they fail some provisions of the relevant gas appliance standard. Affected portable gas stoves have had their certificates of conformance withdrawn. Gas regulators have identified that some models are unsafe and should be recalled. These models fail the overpressure tests: there is a risk that the cookers may explode if they overheat. The



ACCC is working with the gas regulators, led by EnergySafe Victoria, to arrange recalls of these models so that any recall has national effect. A comprehensive list of affected models can be accessed below.

If you own one of these banned lunchbox style cookers, please stop using it immediately. It is anticipated that product safety recalls for affected models will be in place over the coming weeks. In the meantime, under Australian Consumer Law (ACL) you may be entitled to a refund if you can show proof of purchase, and you should seek to do so as soon as possible.

For further information, please contact the gas appliance regulator in your state: http://www.gtrc.gov.au/ contact#sa.

Taken from the ACCC website.

UNCERTIFIED PRODUCTS – DON'T USE					
Brands	Model number				
Home Essentials, Red Stone, My Collection, Bai Hui	BDZ-168				
	BDZ-163S				
Five Star	MS-2000				
Gasmate	Plus MS-2000				
Gasmate Gasmaster Jumbuck Jackeroo Excalibur Adventure Ridge Buy Right	PC1060, KPC1060, MPC1060, PC1065, JPC1065 PC1070, PC1075, PC2070, KPC2070, MPC2070, AR2070, PC2075, BBC2075, PC2080				
Campmaster, Red Centre, Grillrite, Rough It, Fiesta, Falcon, Wild Country, Festiva,Campers Collection, Spinifex, Oztrail, Roman, Progaz, Escape and Gas Craft	**2150, **2250, **2250SP, **2160, **2160S (** = cus- tomer code)				
Campmaster, Kookaburra, Grillpro, Topstove, Fiesta, Falcon, Wild Country, Freetime, Festiva, The Stove, Sunshine, Camp- ers Collection, Oztrail, Roman, Progaz, Escape & Gas Craft	CM2100, CM2200, STO990, ST7000, FT2100, FT2200, ST1, ST2				
Campmaster, Kookaburra, Grillpro, Topstove, Fiesta, Falcon, Wild Country, Freetime, Festiva, The Stove, Sunshine, Camp- ers Collection, Oztrail, Roman, Progaz, Escape, Gas Craft & Spinifex	**2170* & **2270* (** = cus- tomer code)				
Auscrown, Wild Country Handy Range	AD90				
U-Bute Traveller	U-Bute Traveller				
Jackeroo	PL-121				
Adventuridge	509245				
Companion	COMP523				
House Brand	509245				
Kookaburra	ST0990				
Primus	2240				
Primus	2271				
Primus	TLB-102L				
Red Desert	509230				
Spinifex	7027612				
Spinifex	90024574				

Training Course for Trailables

This course has recently been developed by adding specific trailable modules to an already existing Yachting Australia approved course for day sailing keel boats. It has been developed by the Trailable Division of Yachting Victoria.

Who should do the course?

This course is designed for anyone who is considering purchasing or has recently purchased a trailable and has little experience sailing this type of boat. It would be also suitable for existing owners of trailables who need to improve their basic sailing skills.

What is in the course?

- Safety equipment, clothing and safe practices. Weather.
- Preparing a yacht for sailing. Correct terms. Basic knots. Reefing.
- Ability to steer a yacht on all points of sail and heave to.
- Tacking and gybing.
- Heel, trim and anchoring.
- Recovering a man overboard.
- Understanding basic maritime rules.
- Raising and lowering a mast.
- Launching and retrieving.
- Using an outboard. Approaching and leaving jetties.
- Trailer issues.

What is its length and cost?

This is a two day course and will cost approximately \$300.

Who are the instructors?

All instructors have completed a Yachting Australia Instructor Course and are approved by Yachting Australia. Course participants will have insurance cover provided by Yachting Australia. The instructors will be operating out of an approved Discover Sailing Centre.

What is the training vessel?

The course will be delivered in an approved trailable

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yacht.

Who do I contact?

Des Russell 0419341206

Further Trailable Training Course Dates

In conjunction with Yachting Victoria and Hobson's Bay Yacht Club we have set the following weekend dates for delivering the new Training Course for trailables:

May 9th and 10th 2015

We will launch at Warmies and use the waters off Williamstown and Docklands. Some members who have not used the boat for some time may also be attracted to the course. We are particularly interested in the crews of trailables who need to increase their skills which might be critical if they have to control the boat in the event of an accident etc to the skipper. Hobson's Bay YC are hosting the course and will receive payment and handle materials etc. If you interested in joining this course or finding out more about the course you can ring: Tony Dawson (HBYC) 0413485577 Des Russell 0419 341206 / 0398426400 Howard Hughes 0418320967

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So – statistics – of the 12 races:

We had 80 boat/days – slightly less than seven boats per race. 18 bottles of port Some new members And many an enjoyable b.b.q.!! and approximately 30 at Topolino's at the end of the season.

Jan and Bob Reeves

G.O.Y.A.

Thursday afternoon sailing. Weekly.

1.00pm start after a byo lunch on the Coast Guard veranda at St. Kilda.

Is anybody interested??? email to janet @nowwot.com

2014 -15 Trailable Yacht & Sportsboats Travellers



Series

	Date	Club	Event	Notes:		
1.	Sat 13 Sun 14	Albury Wodonga	725 Regatta and other			
	September 2014	Yacht Club	CBH classes			
			Noelex Country Champi-			
			onships			
2.	Sat 04 October	Bendigo Yacht Club	Lake Eppalock Classic			
	2014					
	Saturday 18 & Sunday 19 October – Trailable Yacht Season Opening Event and Discover Sailin day at Docklands					
3.	Sat 15 & Sun 16	Royal Yacht Club of	Lipton Cup Regatta			
	November 2014	Victoria				
4.	Sat 06 December	Port Albert Yacht Club	Around Sunday Island			
	2014		Race			
5.	Sat 24 & Sun 25	Cowes Yacht Club		Event name to be		
	January 2015			confirmed		
6.	Sat 28 February 2015	Warneet Motor YC	Around French Island Race			
7.	Sat 07 – Sun 08	Lake Wellington	Marlay Point Overnight	Storage at GLYC or		
	March 2015	Yacht Club	Race	other Paynesville		
				commercial yards by		
				arrangement		
8.	Sat 21 Sun 22		Victorian Trailable Yacht and			
	March	Club	Sports Boats State Champi-			
	2015		onships			
Fri	03 – Mon 06 April 2	015 Easter				
9.	Sun 26 April 2015	Loch Sport Boat Club	Loch Sport Lakes Chal-			
			lenge			
10.	Sat 02 May	Melbourne Trailable	MTYC Four Points Yacht	Overnight berthing at		
	2015	Yacht Club	Race	Royal Melbourne		
	2013			Yacht Squadron		
				marina		

