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Calendar –The next few months			
	Date	MTYC Events	Location or Starting Point
SEPT	Thur 11	Committee Meeting	Bell's Hotel Sth Melb
	Sun 21	Winter Series Race 4	St Kilda Marina - Briefing/sign on 9:45am, Start 11:00am
	Sun 28	Training Day	St Kilda Marina 10:00am
OCT	Sun 5	Daylight Savings Starts at 2:00am	
	Sun 5	Commodore's Cup – Season Opening With barbecue afterwards	St Kilda Marina - Briefing/sign on 9:45am, Start 11:00am
	Sat 11 Sun 12	Goulburn River Wineries Cruise	Nagambie Public Ramp – 11:00am on Sat
	Tues 14	Committee Meeting	Bell's Hotel Sth Melb
	Thur 16	Twilight Race	St Kilda Marina - Briefing/sign on 5:455am, Start 6:00pm
	Sun 19	Summer Series Race 1 – 2 heats	St Kilda Marina - Briefing/sign on 9:45am, Start 11:00am
	Thur 23	Twilight Race	St Kilda Marina - Briefing/sign on 5:455am, Start 6:00pm
	Thur 30	Twilight Race	St Kilda Marina - Briefing/sign on 5:455am, Start 6:00pm
NOV	Sat 1 to Tue 4	Gippsland Lakes Cruise	Depart Paynesville. King St Ramp at 11:0am Saturday
	Thur 6	Twilight Race	St Kilda Marina - Briefing/sign on 5:455am, Start 6:00pm

Commodore's Corner

Geoff Onions

With Spring in the air we are finding the days getting both longer and warmer, all meaning the summer racing season is not far away. Over the winter months since our last news letter, Winter race No 2 was a no race as an insufficient number of yachts turned up for a race to be held, as most were frightened off with the previous night's bad weather forecast, crew availability issues and AFL football. Two yachts did turn up venture out, they reportedly had an excellent cruise down to Sandringham for lunch. Contrary to that week, Race 3 had an excellent turnout, with 10 boats turning up and 9 starting and enjoying a perfect winter's day sailing. The results are elsewhere in the newsletter.

A reminder to all that the last race of the Winter Series is on Sunday 21st September. So we hope for another large turnout. Following that, we have the new season opening race, the Commodore's Cup to be held on the 5th October, with the Summer Triangle and Twilight series' following shortly after.

The MTYC was represented in the Hamilton Island Race week last week with Peter Clark entering his Phantom 40 yacht KASHMIR, in the Cruising Division with Spinnakers (Group 2). The yacht was crewed by MTYC members Peter Clark, Greg Hall, John McDonald, Richard Lopez and myself, along with Eddie Makavecios from the HBYC. The Hamilton Island Race week is truly one of the great sailing events in Australia, with this year's race being the 25th Anniversary. 225 yachts were competing across many divisions and categories. The story of the race week along with photos will be published in the next newsletter.

Following the completion of race week, Peter, John, Richard have been joined by Doug Whitby, to start the 2 week voyage South to sail KASHMIR to Sydney, the first step in bringing the yacht back to its new home in Melbourne. On last reports they were progressing very well, and expect to be in Sydney Sunday 14th Sept.

We look forward to the stories of the voyage south in the forthcoming newsletters.

With the new Summer & Twilight Sailing series almost upon us, we hope for a better season to last year with regard to the wind, and all indications so far are that boat participation numbers are up, so we should be in for some good racing ahead over this summer.

Geoff Onions

Commodore

Membership Fees for 2008 – 2009

Fees are now due. A Membership Renewal form is included with this newsletter.

New this year is the option to pay by direct funds transfer but if you take this option you must still send in your completed Membership Renewal form.

Yachting Victoria and Yachting Australia have changed the method of charging affiliation fees. They have moved away from the previous amount per registered member, to a flat fee per Club. This means that the YV and YA fees, including the Silver Card, can no longer be separated from the affiliation fee. For an individual this means that if you are a member of more than one club the affiliation fee will be included in the fee at each club.

For the Club, this means that MTYC can no longer offer the option of Club membership without a Silver card.

Yachting Victoria advises:

"The Racing Rules of Sailing are not impacted by the YV Rules and are unalterable

a. Rule 46 – every skipper in every race must be a club member

b. Rule 55 – every crew member in every race must be a club member after three races.

This includes youth, and partners, everyone, and twilight and social races!"

Individual Members of More than One club

Clubs still have the ability to record a "primary" club membership with the YV and that will be the club that appears on the silver card.

The public liability insurance cover requirement has been changed to \$10,000,000. This brings the MTYC requirement into line with the general YV recommendation and with the requirements of most organised sailing events including the Trailable Yacht Festival. The additional cost on your annual boat insurance cover should be small.

Docklands Cruise & Football Weekend

Three boats and seven members braved the end of Winter, last weekend in August for an overnight cruise to Docklands and a night at the football. *Hot Chilli*, (Greg, Robyn and Molly Hunter) *Night Crossing* (Peter and Pauline Gheller) and *Tainui* (Ron Parker and Ruth Eaton) berthed at the Waterfront City Marina for Saturday 30 August.

After some had been touring around the city sights, and Molly had been ice skating at Docklands, we all met for dinner prior to joining the sell-out crowd for Carlton vs Hawthorn.



Greg and Robyn display Molly's artwork banner "Go Hawthorn"

As it eventuated, this game became one of the most significant of the season and history in the making with Hawthorn's Lance Franklin and Carlton's Brendan Fevola lining up to both aim at kicking 100 goals. Well the rest is history and what an atmosphere it was when thousands of spectators stormed the ground.



Molly, Greg, Robyn, Pauline and Ruth

Following the game, we marched back to the marina and some members found energy for a round at a bar close by the marina. The gusty northerly winds swirled around Docklands but the marina offers reasonable protection.

Waterfront City Marina (now operated by the City of Melbourne) offers very good amenities

including bathrooms, (with towels provided), kitchen with all crockery etc available to use (even a dishwasher), lounge, television, internet, decking and barbecue. A bbq breakfast was enjoyed on Sunday morning, whilst watching the finish of a triathlon event below. A great way to spend a Sunday morning in the City and all for the bargain fee of \$35 per boat per night.

The weather was not brilliant for Sunday and after a radar and forecast check on the www, we all determined that it was best to get away before another band of thunderstorm and squall hit. We all enjoyed a good sail down the river in sunshine and observed the dredging in progress under Westgate. *Hot Chilli* returned to Newport and the others returned to St Kilda. Not long after arriving at St Kilda the squall hit.



Hot Chilli drifting around Victoria Harbour

A great weekend was enjoyed by all and it was agreed that there should be some more opportunities explored to visit the Docklands again soon.



Night Crossing and *Tainui* exiting the Yarra River

MTYC Training Day
Sunday 28 September
St Kilda Marina.

10:00am

Experienced Club Members will be on hand to provide advice to new sailors/members on

- Launching and retrieving your boat
- Rigging your boat
- Reefing your sails
- Setting up and tuning
- Launching your spinnaker
- Meeting the Category 5 Safety requirements
- Any other advice you need
- Go out for a sail on your boat to provide on water assistance.

The Training Day will only be run if there are members who wish to take advantage of the help being offered.

Ring Lloyd Graham 9870 5439

or

Doug Whitby 9877 9643

If you want to attend.

Goulburn River Wineries Cruise

11 and 12 October

This is a great way to spend a family weekend.

Drive up the Nagambie – only an hour and a half from Melbourne. Meet up at the public ramp near the rowing club. Do not enter the old caravan park looking for the other ramp - you will get a hostile reception from the hillbillies that live in there.

On the water by 11am and then motor up the river to Michelton Winery for a leisurely afternoon at the winery. Take the tour or sample the product. Arrangements will be made to have access to the barbeque or you can eat in the Winery restaurant. Toilets are available overnight. On Sunday a short cruise down the river to the beautiful Tahbilk winery to stock up on the magnificent liqueur muscat that is available only at the winery. A picnic lunch and back down the river to Nagambie.

Total motoring time is only 2 or 3 hours each way so it can be done slowly to enjoy the views. This is definitely a weekend to leave your mast at home.

Please let Adrian Cassar (9578 1473) know if you are intending to join this cruise.

Category 5 Safety Declarations must be made and given to our Safety Facilitator, Alistair Owens, for the start of the Racing Season. The declaration for 2008–09 are now available for downloading from the YV web site.

For any enquiries call Alistair on 9587 3432

The Commodore's Cup and Season Opening are scheduled for 5 October. This is the first day of daylight saving so don't be late. Briefing will be at the normal time of 9:45am for a 11:00am start.

Opening Season Barbeque

We are hoping to arrange a barbeque with crews friends and families after the Commodore's Cup race is finished to celebrate the start of the sailing season. Hopefully we can get access to the barbecue at the Coast Guard hut or failing that, somewhere on the foreshore nearby. Further information will be provided when it is available.

Club Beanies 15

Now available.

Navy blue polar fleece with the MTC logo

One size fits all.

Contact Alistair Owens

9587 3432

alistairo2@hotmail.com

Will be available at race days and Club events

MTC polar fleece vests are coming soon. Size samples will be available at club sailing and social events over the next few weeks.

Try them on and place your orders

20 July
Winter Series Race 2 Cancelled

17 August
Winter Series Race 3

Combined PHC

Boat Name	Skipper	Type	PHC Place Race 1	PHC Place Race 2	Combined Place points	PHC Overall Place
Colduck	Geoff Onions	RL24 D	2	1	3	1
Liaison	Adrian Cassar	RL24 D	1	5	6	2
Tainui	Ron Parker, Ruth Eaton	Noelex 25	6	3	9	3
Tanina	Roger Summerhill	Sonata 8	5	4	9	4
Laguna Starlet	Luis Feliciano	Castle 650	4	6	10	5
No Excuses	Mark McLellan	Castle 650	9	2	11	6
Taipan	Merv Murphy	Hartley 24	3	9	12	7
Night Crossing	Peter Gheller	Noelex 25	8	7	15	8
Farr Affair	Martin Culkin	Farr 7500	7	8	15	9

Combined CBH

Boat Name	Skipper	Type	CBH Place Race 1	CBH Place Race 2	CBH Combined Places	CBH Combined Corrected Time	CBH Place
Colduck	Geoff Onions	RL24 D	2	1	3	2:26:38	1
Tainui	Ron Parker, Ruth Eaton	Noelex 25	3	3	6	2:29:39	2
Liaison	Adrian Cassar	RL24 D	1	5	6	2:30:55	3
No Excuses	Mark McLellan	Castle 650	9	2	11	2:34:54	4
Tanina	Roger Summerhill	Sonata 8	7	4	11	2:35:51	5
Laguna Starlet	Luis Feliciano	Castle 650	6	6	12	2:37:27	6
Farr Affair	Martin Culkin	Farr 750	5	8	13	2:51:19	7
Taipan	Merv Murphy	Hartley 24	4	9	13	NA	8
Night Crossing	Peter Gheller	Noelex 25	8	7	15	2:53:36	9