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**February 2008**

MTYC OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER

**MELBOURNE  
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**Melbourne Trailable Yacht Club Inc**

Registration No A2058

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

## MTYC COMMITTEE - 2007-2008

Commodore	Ron Parker
Vice Commodore	Peter Clark
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Hon Secretary	Geoffrey Onions
Hon Treasurer	Lloyd Graham
Sailing Officers	Steve Holligan
	Peter Rochford
	Adrian Cassar
	Alistair Owens
Social Organiser	Alison Cassar
Safety Facilitator	Doug Whitby
Auditor	Darrell Reid
Newsletter Editor	Phil Monk

## Calendar –The next few months

	Date	Races	Cruising	Social and Other Events	Location or Starting Point
February	Thur 7	Twilight Series Race			St Kilda Marina Briefing/sign on 5:45am. Start
	Sun 10	Summer Series Race 7 – 2 heats			St Kilda Marina Briefing/sign on 9:45am. Start
	Tues 12			Committee Meeting	Geoff Onion's house
	Thur 14	Twilight Series Race			St Kilda Marina Briefing/sign on 5:45am. Start
	Sat 16 – Sun 17		Western Port Bay Cruise		Meet at Hastings Ramp at 10:00am
	Thur 21	Twilight Series Race			St Kilda Marina Briefing/sign on 5:45am. Start
	Sat 23	Around French Island Race			
	Sun 24	Summer Series Race 8			St Kilda Marina Briefing/sign on 9:45am. Start
	Thur 28	Twilight Series Race			St Kilda Marina Briefing/sign on 5:45am. Start
March	Sat 1		BBQ and Night Sail		St Kilda Marina
	Sun 2	Summer Series Race 9			St Kilda Marina Briefing/sign on 9:45am. Start
	Thur 6	Twilight Series Race			St Kilda Marina Briefing/sign on 5:45am. Start
	Sat 8 – Sun 9	Marley Point Overnight Race			Lake Wellington Yacht Club
	Tue 11			Committee Meeting	Alistair Owen's House
	Thur 13	Twilight Series Race			St Kilda Marina Briefing/sign on 5:45am. Start
	Sat 15	3 Piers Race			Geelong Trailable Yacht Club
	Sun 16	Summer Series Race 10 – 2 heats			St Kilda Marina Briefing/sign on 9:45am. Start
	Thur 20	Twilight Series Race			St Kilda Marina Briefing/sign on 5:45am. Start
	Fri 21 Mar –	MTYC Easter Regatta			Yarrawonga Yacht Club
	Thur 27	Twilight Series Race			St Kilda Marina Briefing/sign on 5:45am. Start

## Cover Photo

Commodore Ron Parker and Ruth Eaton sailing their Noelex 25, *Tainui*, off St Kilda during a Twilight Race, with Andrew Johnson's Farr 7500, *Un-Farr-Gettable*, close behind

# **MTYC**

## **Westernport Overnight Cruise**

### **Feb 16 & 17**

### **Join the fun**

**Meet at the Hastings Boat Ramp at 10:00am on Saturday 16 Feb.**

**Overnight somewhere on Westernport and return on Sunday 17 Feb.**

**For further details call Ron Parker 9527 8310 or Phil Monk 9696 4747**

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## **Commodore's Column**

### **Social Gatherings**

The annual Christmas party and this year's New Years Eve gathering provided two opportunities for many members to get together and catch up on events and news. It was great to see a good number of families at both events, including new and older members. There are a number of future events to consider including the Westernport Cruise in mid February and the BBQ and night sail at St Kilda in early March shortly followed by the 40<sup>th</sup> Marlay Point Race and two weeks later the annual Easter Regatta. February and March are very indeed very busy and this is the best time of the year for getting out on the water. Details about the various events follow in the newsletter.

### **Sunday Racing**

The weather on Sunday's has continued to frustrate members with the scheduled Summer series of racing. More races have continued to be cancelled with strong winds. This is most unfortunate if members have set aside the day, lined up crews and travelled to St Kilda. Lets hope that the remainder of the Summer series continues with no further cancellations.

If you've been hesitant in making the commitment to go sailing / racing on Sundays and need some persuasive support, contact me to discuss any matters including crew needs, parking arrangements or any other aspects that may

appear to be daunting. Sunday racing is really not that difficult and the Club members are keen to assist more people to sail more regularly, particularly on Sundays.

### **Thursday Night Sailing**

Winds have been kinder on Thursdays than on Sundays and typically about 8 boats have enjoyed excellent sailing followed by a very sociable barbecue. There are always boats looking for crews. Simply turn up at the back gate at St Kilda Marina prior to 5.30pm and you're sure to get a sail. Thursday nights sailing continues this year up to 20 March.

### **Trailable Yacht Festival**

This event at Geelong coincides this year with Anzac Day on the Friday and therefore presents an ideal opportunity to enjoy a long weekend on Corio Bay. Geelong is a great place to visit and there are some interesting parts of Corio Bay to explore by boat. Festival details elsewhere in the newsletter.

Finally, with so much sailing on offer, start planning that next sail today and looking forward to seeing great numbers of members at the various events over the coming months.

Ron Parker

Commodore

# 2008 Trailable Yacht Festival

– bigger and better than ever!

25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> April 2008

Geelong Trailable Yacht Club

St Helens. Geelong

The 2008 Trailable Yacht Festival promises to be the best yet with a 3 day weekend and interesting guest presenters. Anzac Day is on a Friday in 2008, giving us a long weekend for the Festival, the first since the inaugural Festival back in 2005.

As well as having the luxury of a 3 day weekend to conduct activities we have been fortunate in luring Eric Gibbons and Flo Barnett to start their annual tour around the cruising grounds of Australia from Geelong in April. Eric and Flo hail from Fremantle Western Australia and live on their Court 750 *Erflo* for 6 to 9 months each year.

Eric and Flo travel around Australia, using their boat like a caravan when on the road and then spending weeks at each cruising ground like South Australia's Coorong, our Gippsland lakes, along the NSW coast, the Whitsundays and their favourite location, the Kimberley coast off Western Australia. Many trailable yacht owners might have met them on their travels or have read their exploits in TY Association newsletters. Their adventures off the Kimberley coast read like some Boys Own Adventure stories; loading up their boat with 3 months of food and water, towing a plastic dingy whose double skin is filled with outboard fuel, beaching their boat on deserted islands, travelling up river systems until the first waterfall to collect fresh drinking water, battling huge tides with horizontal waterfalls and being dis-masted and communicating to Coast Watch aircraft that they are OK and proceeding back to port under jury rig.

Eric and Flo on *Erflo* epitomise the trailable yacht cruising spirit we all aspire to. The Festival is a good opportunity to talk to them both and find out how they prepare their boat, what equipment they think is essential (and what is not) and how they manage to live on their boat for such long periods – in short how they maximise the use of their trailable yacht. They will be the guests of the Festival and will speak at our Saturday night dinner.

As well as having Eric and Flo around for the weekend the organising committee at Geelong Trailable Yacht Club have listened to comments from participants from past Festivals and are planning activities to suit all attendees. As in other years we will be organising a cruise on Corio Bay, information sessions on trailable yacht specific products and equipment, best presented boat competitions plus fun activities for all and of

course, time for everybody to meet and talk about cruises taken and cruises planned.

The Festival is open to anybody with a trailable yacht and we will continue to offer the same low registration fee to allow boat owners and their families to enjoy a low cost, fun weekend.

The weekend is a good opportunity for Clubs and Associations to promote their activities and boats; anybody interested in trailable yacht sailing and cruising is welcome to attend and check out boats, TY Clubs and TY Associations. The Festival is the Boat Show for trailable yachts.

For more information contact Rob Ballard at Geelong Trailable Yacht Club on (03) 5243 0239 or point your browser to [www.tyfestival.com.au](http://www.tyfestival.com.au) Registrations will be open in the New Year.

Rob Ballard

Geelong Trailable Yacht Club

## Marine Safety Victoria Grant

MTYC has been successful for a second year running in attracting funding from Marine Safety Victoria's grants program. A grant of \$4,320 has been awarded to support 20 members to attend a Sea Safety Survival course. Within the Education and Training category of the grants announced, the MTYC grant was one of the highest value.

Thanks to Peter Rochford for coordinating the submission. Further details about the course to be offered to members will follow shortly once a course has been arranged.

MSV have an informative website: <http://www.marinesafety.vic.gov.au> with much boating information readily available to download.

## Sail Away to a Happy Retirement

By Alan Mallows

This article is not for everybody, but it may be useful to some.

I have been a dinghy sailor for year and years, and loved the sailing, but didn't go for the racing, so my retirement plan was to buy a trailer sailer and spend my days in rapture on the ocean waves (of Port Philip Bay and the Gippsland Lakes).

My superannuation plan was looking pretty healthy and it seemed that my dream would come true, especially if I were to be offered an attractive redundancy package.

Unfortunately redundancy packages are only offered to those of us who haven't been diligent and industrious, and so my turn never seemed to come around.

Then, in 2003, I became suddenly and seriously ill. No problem, I can get through that! And two years later I recovered.

Interestingly, I suddenly became one of those people they wanted to offer a redundancy to. I wonder why? The only trouble was, there was an embargo on redundancies, and so I had to wait in line again.

Then it happened! The offer was made and accepted. Some money was salted away and a Sonata 7 was procured.

I love the Sonata. I've spent hours and hours on it. I've lovingly restored the wiring, the rudder blade and a thousand other little jobs. Being on the boat was exactly what I had dreamed about.

The only trouble was: launching was difficult, crew were hard to find, and believe it or not, my illness had left me very sensitive to the sun, and much less able to perform strenuous tasks than before.

Needless to say the Sonata has sailed only 8 times on two years, and all but one of them were difficult and stressful, and it took days to recover from the efforts.

The Sonata is for sale. I'm moving on to more appropriate activities, as I prefer to enjoy to myself. I have no regrets. I've had a great time and I've learnt a lot.

The moral of the story is: Dreams are great but reality can be different. You never really find out until you get there. I think you are better off trying and finding out, rather than not trying and never really knowing.

Thanks to all of the wonderful helpful and patient people I've met. Maybe, in 20 years time, we'll be in the same bridge club!

## Racing and Radios

### A reminder

The Club requires that all boats entering in MTYC races must have a functioning 27 MHz radio and must complete a radio check prior to the start to be considered as a competitor.

This includes Twilight Series races.

## Yachting Australia Silver Cards

Are you wondering where your Silver Card for 2007 – 2008 has got to? Lloyd Graham advises that due to a misunderstanding when he registered MTYC Members details, new cards were not sent out. The problem has been fixed and cards will be sent soon. Lloyd assures that members are registered correctly, it is only the cards that are missing.

## Safety Declarations

The following boats have registered their Category 5 declarations with MTYC

Name	Class	Skipper
<i>Hot Chilli</i>	Timpenny 670	G. Hunter
<i>Arachnid</i>	Spider 28	P. Clark
<i>Viking Express</i>	Castle 650	G. Hall
<i>Monkey Business</i>	Farr 6000	P. Monk
<i>Colduck</i>	RL24	G. Onions
<i>Impulse</i>	Farr 7500	M. Knight
<i>Taipan</i>	Hartley 24	M. Murphy
<i>Tapalinga</i>	Boomerang 20	B. Dean
<i>Warbo's</i>	Sunbird	J. Warburton
<i>Un-Farr-Gettable</i>	Farr 7500	A. Johnson
<i>Court Jester</i>	Court 650	R. Stott
<i>Meander</i>	Explorer 16	P. Mart
<i>Splice</i>	RL24	A. Cassar
<i>The Sting</i>	RL24	L. Graham
<i>Sadagarous</i>	Seaway 787	A. Owens
<i>Alicia II</i>	RL24	J.&B. Reeves
<i>Tainui</i>	Noelex 25	R. Parker
<i>Bluey</i>	Young 5.2	J. Brooks
<i>No Excuses</i>	Castle 650	M. McLellan

Remember you **must** have a **current Category 5** declaration to compete in MTYC races.

### The new Monkey Business

The new Monkey Business hits the water with Phil, Eleanor and Jarrod on board. It's faster and roomier and bluer than the old one.



You **must** be getting tired of seeing pictures of *Monkey Business*, so please, for all our sakes, send me some photos of your boat or other members' boats.  
Phil Monk - Editor



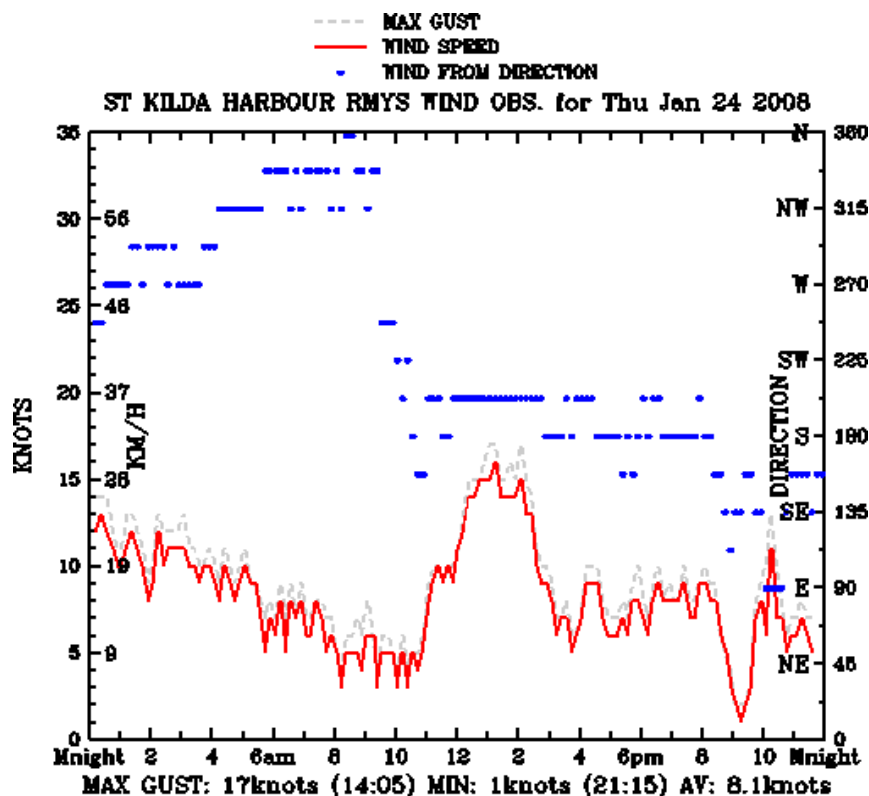
## Thursday Night Sailing – Close Racing Results

The results below highlight the close racing often achieved on a Thursday night twilight sail pursuit race. In this particular race, (24/01/08) sailed in light breezes, the race ended up very close, particularly for the 4<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> placings.

Given the start times ranged between 1800 and 1811, the elapsed time of approximately 2 hours with only 8 minutes between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> suggests that the handicap system is not too far out.


There are always boats looking for crew on a Thursday night. Drop down to the St Kilda Marina by 5.30 and you're sure to get a sail.

YACHT	CLASS	Start Time	Place	FINISH TIME
SADAGARUS	Seaway	1808	1	2006.00
TAINUI	Noelex 25	18011	2	2008.00
TANINA	Sonata 8	1807	3	2010.00
NIGHT CROSSING	Noelex 25	1808	4	2015.00
IMPULSE	Farr 750	1805	5	2015.35
UNFARRGETTABLE	Farr 750	1803	6	2015.50
FARR AFFAIR	Farr 750	1805	7	2016.00
LAISSEZ FARR	Farr 750	1802	8	2018.00



# 40th Anniversary Marlay Point Overnight Race 2008

Lake Wellington Yacht Club



At least 4 or 5 MTYC boats are entering this year's Marlay Point Race.

Join in and boost the numbers

**The 40th Anniversary Marlay Point Overnight Race will be held on Saturday 8th March 2008. Notice of Race and Anniversary Wine order form on links below.**

*Lake Wellington Yacht Club hopes to make next year's 40th Anniversary Race our biggest and best for many years. Past participants and winners are encouraged to relive the Marlay Magic. We promise you an unforgettable sailing experience and the opportunity to renew old friendships. Contact the secretary on 0351472240 for early information and enquiries or to register your name for mailouts*

[http://www.lakewellingtonyachtclub.yachting.org.au/site/yachting/lakewellingtonyachtclub/downloads/2008\\_NOR\\_MPONR.doc](http://www.lakewellingtonyachtclub.yachting.org.au/site/yachting/lakewellingtonyachtclub/downloads/2008_NOR_MPONR.doc)

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# The Big Blowout

Since the last race of the winter season was cancelled due to high winds, the Spring and Summer have produced a lot of high winds. Or are we just really unlucky and the only windy days have been our race days?

A quick look back over the last few months reveals that 6 of our last 8 Sunday races have had to be called off because of the wind.

## Winter Season

Race 4 - 16 Sep – Cancelled. Winds 30 – 42 knots

## Summer Season

Commodore's cup – 30 Sep Cancelled. Winds 25 – 35 knots

Race 1 - 14 Oct - Sailed with 4 boats racing

Race 2 - 28 Oct – Cancelled. Winds 35 – 45 knots

Race 3 - 18 Nov – Cancelled. Winds 25 – 35 knots

Race 4 - 2 Dec – Cancelled. Winds 20 – 30 knots

Race 5 - 16 Dec - Sailed with 7 boats racing plus one (Monkey Business - the new) sailing around

Race 6 - 20 Jan – Cancelled. Winds 20 - 28 knots

## Twilight Series

Thursday nights have not fared as badly, but at least three races have been cancelled due to high winds.

Nov 22 Cancelled. Winds 22 – 26 knots

Dec 20 Fish & Chip cruise cancelled. Winds 20 to 25 knots

Jan 17 Cancelled. Winds 20 – 24 knots

The Club's risk managed policy requires that if there is a Strong Wind Warning or Gale Warning in effect for Port Philip, we will not start a race. This was the case for all of the races cancelled this season. Let's hope that the last half of the season will see us out on the water for every race.

A few happy MTYC members at  
Raymond Island for New Year's Eve

