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Four Noelex 25, Tainui, O'Really II, Wild Honey and Night Crossing enjoyed a great day cruising around the southern end of Port Phillip, checking out the Point Nepean National Park and real estate between Portsea and Sorrento.

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Calendar Highlights—the next few months...

	Date	MTYC Events	Location
March 2017	Thurs 23 Mar	Twilight Sailing End of season Dinner	Topolinos
	Sat 25	Casserole Night	Cassar's
April 2017	Sun 2	Summer Series—Long Course	St Kilda Marina
	Fri 14—Mon 17	Easter at Yarrawonga	Yarrawonga
	Sat 22	Traveller Series 5— Loch Sport Lakes Challenge	Loch Sport
	Sun 30	Summer Series Short Course and Women Skippers Race	St Kilda
May 2017	Sat 6	Traveller Series 6—MTYC Four Points Race	St Kilda Marina
	Fri 19	Dinner and AGM	TBA
	Sun 28	Summer Series— Long Course	St Kilda Marina
June 2017	Sat 10—Mon 12	Refuge Cove and Corner Inlet Cruise	
	Fri 16	Winter Seminar	TBA
	Sun 18	Winter Series Race 1	St Kilda Marina

Commodore's Report – February 2017

There has been a lot on & there's a lot still to come. Check your club calendar for all upcoming racing, cruising & social events.

Heat 2 of the Women's Sailing Series proved to be another challenging day for the skippers and the final heat scheduled for April 30 will decide the final placings in a tightly contested series.

The Traveller Series continues with the Queenscliff-Geelong race finally held after 2 weather abandonments, further details later in the newsletter. 18-19 February GLYC hosted a fleet of 30 trailable yachts for Heat 3 of the series, 'The Victorian Trailable Yacht & Sportsboat Championships' and heat 4 the Marlay Point Overnight Race (11-12 March). 13 MTYC yachts competed in this edition of the Marlay Point Overnight Race. Congratulations to all the MTYC Skippers & crew that completed another challenging race across the lakes in the dark. As has become the custom a post-race de-brief & BBQ was held on Raymond Island at Ron & Ruth's, Thanks to Ron for his generous hospitality & to Sue Bromley & the other volunteers for their help with a great evening. Next year's Marlay Point is the 50th, it would be fantastic to have an even greater number of MTYC boats & crew there for this.

There are only 2 heats now left in the Traveller Se-

ries, the Loch Sport Lakes Challenge on the 22nd April and our 4 Points Race on the 6th May. So get your crew lined up, and boat ready for the Four Points Race. Entry is free to MTYC members.

Cruising has also been active, with a number of club boats enjoying time on the Gippsland Lakes over the Christmas – New Year period. And a Queenscliff cruise including a trip on the Blues Train in February enjoyed by members also. Reports on both of these cruises are included in this newsletter.

Thursday Twilight Racing continues with good fleets enjoying good social racing. A report on a postrace MOB aboard Sayonara is included in the newsletter. This has some valuable insights into what is involved when someone goes overboard.

Easter is also fast approaching – If you haven't come along to MTYC's Easter regatta at Yarrawonga it's time you put it in the diary, come up and see why this event is such a long standing (this year will be the 39th) success. A social, family friendly, long weekend for cruisers & racers alike, further details are included in the newsletter.

Doug Whitby

MTYC Commodore



MTYC Easter Sailing Regatta @ Yarrawonga

This event is almost as old as the Club itself. Come along and see why this event is so popular. A fantastic, family weekend, of sailing, cruising, & socialising at YYC. (Participation is expected) Refer to the flyer elsewhere in this newsletter for further details on all the activities.

As an added incentive to attend 1 lucky camper will win a MTYC Senior membership for the 2017-18 sailing season.

To assist with the planning, catering, & camping arrangements please RSVP mtyc.au@gmail.com

For further information or enquiries contact: Doug Whitby 0417 148 898

Easter Social Activities

Friday

Cruise yachts up the river.

Departing 1300

Easter Bunny
will be there!



Join early arrivals for
dinner Thursday night
1800 at Muthwala golf club.
Bookings essential. Contact
Lloyd by Tuesday 11th



Saturday Night at the Clubhouse

Port & Starboard Dinner

Bring **starboard** main and a **Port** dessert to share. At least some food on the dish should be the relevant colour!

Come dressed as a fav cartoon or nursery rhyme character! Lots of prizes and an evening of fun & entertainment
A great night for all the family



Saturday
0930 Briefing
1030 Easter Classic (weather permitting)
Kids Dinghy Dash (After Lunch)
Kids Games (Before Happy Hour)
1900 Dinner & Dessert
Night Sail

Sunday

0800 Club Breakfast, Easter Bunny & briefing
1100 Easter Stern chaser TBC
1630 Recycled Yacht Race

Happy Hour

5 pm each night.

Check notice board for location

More info from Silhouette, O'Really 11, Doug, Heather, Anne & Steve



Competitors in the last women skippers race...



View of Queenscliff Marina...

Lisa Blair – “Dare to Dream”

On September 30th 2016 several MTYC members attended a talk hosted by HBYC Cruising Group. The speaker was Lisa Blair, and she recounted her plans to become the first woman to circumnavigate Antarctica, solo, non-stop and unassisted. It was a fascinating evening as Lisa described her introduction to sailing in 2006, and the subsequent amassing of qualifications and over 55,000 nautical miles of ocean sailing experience. Much of this was attained in 2011-2012 when she fund raised for and participated in the Clipper Round the World Yacht Race, sailing on Gold Coast Australia in the primary roles of Watch Leader, Helmsman, Bowman and Rigger.

Then followed numerous ocean races, both as crew and skipper, some short-handed and some solo. In 2015 she purchased “Funnel-Web”, a Robert Hick designed Open 50 racing yacht, built to race in the 2003 double handed Melbourne to Osaka Yacht Race. Re-named “Climate Action Now”, she skippered it in the 2015 Rolex Sydney to Hobart Yacht Race.

Lisa planned to compete in the Antarctica Cup Ocean Yacht Race, which entails sailing between 45 degrees and 60 degrees South latitudes, for a total distance of around 14,000 nautical miles. She aims to break the 102 days time of the current record holder, Fedor Konyukhov, who sailed 16,400 nautical miles.

Lisa is passionate about the environment, and encouraged people to write messages on coloured Post-It Notes in support of Climate Action, these were then transferred onto a multi-coloured vinyl hull wrap applied to “Climate Action Now”.

She departed Sydney in late 2016 for her planned Australian departure in December from the Port of Albany, but encountered some teething problems enroute that saw a stopover for repairs in Portland, Victoria. She encountered an intense low pressure system in the Bight that tested skipper and boat, but eventually reached Albany where further repairs delayed her departure until 22nd January when she crossed the start line.

She posts a fascinating and most readable daily blog with running repairs, frequent reefing and unreefing in fickle winds and the resultant sleep deprivation, knockdowns in storms, and her interesting observations of life at sea. There are many people around the world following her daily progress which is updated on Yellow Brick Tracker and



Windytv Tracker, the latter also providing excellent coverage of prevailing wind, pressure, waves and currents.

On 1st March she passed Point Nemo, officially the furthest point in the ocean from land anywhere in the world. At the time of writing (March 7) she has been at sea 43 days, has travelled 7500 NM and has completed 43% of the circumnavigation, and is now approaching the notorious Cape Horn.

Further information on all the above can be found on her website <https://lisablairsailstheworld.com/> with links to her Facebook page, blog and trackers.

Highly recommended!

Peter Mart



Racked up on the start line with about 20 seconds to go. (Vic Trailable Titles)

Queenscliff to Geelong... January 14 2017

Heat 1 of the Trailable Yacht Division's Traveller Series hosted by Geelong Trailable Yacht Club, had two previous dates blown out in November 2016. GTYC were determined to get a result for this classic trailable yacht passage race.

This year's race has to have been one of the toughest races I've done on 'Tainui' (You know it's windy when you reef a Noelex). With the wind reaching 30+ knots as we sailed past Point Wilson, it was a long hard beat into Corio Bay. Crashing over some very large waves, absolutely everything was wet.

With four out of the 13 yacht fleet retiring for various reasons, the racing however was incredibly tight.

Poco Loco the Masrm 720C proved impossible to catch, but the order in the Noelex fleet seemed to change with almost every tack. Mitch Bayliss' Castle 650 'Pipalini' defied all preconceived notions of Castle weather vs Noelex weather and beat all the Noelex 25's into Geelong, only to discover he'd missed a final amendment to the sailing instructions that required rounding a laid mark just south of the finish line. His outstanding 2nd place became a DNF.

MTYC members made up five of the Noelex fleet and congratulations to Adrian Cassar, 1st in Division 1 (Non Spinnaker), Toby Leppin 2nd & Ron Parker 3rd in Division 3. Dean Hansen finished fifth.

A special mention to Len Hatfield (Laros) & Ray Cassar (Allanah) who completed the course in their Ultimate 18s – a commendable effort.

I'm still not sure if this was a race that required strong seamanship and tenacity, or a good dose of stupidity? Probably equal shares of all of the above. Some participants in the race were heard to murmur the name of Gary Sawyer's boat ("*Never Again*").

Doug Whitby & Ron Parker.

Results

Place	Sail#	Name	Class	Div	Crew	Club	Race 1 Q2G 14 Jan 2017	Score
1	HA720	Poco Loco	Masrm 720C	3	Graeme Smith	Hastings YC	1	1.0
2	938	Silver Shadow	Noelex 25	3	Toby Leppin	MTYC	2	2.0
3	744	Tainui	Noelex 25	3	Ron Parker	MTYC	3	3.0
4	SM521	Vintage Red	Noelex 25	3	John Mole	GTYC	4	4.0
5	696	Paradise City	Noelex 25	3	Dean Hansen	MTYC	5	5.0
6	832	Night Crossing	Noelex 25	1	Adrian Cassar	MTYC	6	6.0
7	18	Laros	Ultimate 18 DK	2	Len Hatfield	GTYC	7	7.0
8	384	Alana	Ultimate 18 SK	1	Ray Cassar		8	8.0
9	G5225	Miracle Mile	Elliott 7.0	4	Jono McLean		40 (DNF)	40.0
9	991	Frontliner	Noelex 25	3	Brad Jones	MTYC	40 (DNF)	40.0
9	C750	Fat Bottom Girl	C750	4	Brian Murphy		40 (DNF)	40.0
9	3031	Juniper	Timpenny 670	2	Alex Stroud	GLYC	40 (DNF)	40.0
9	147	Pipalini	Castle 650	3	Mitchell Bayliss	Mornington YC	40 (DNF)	40.0

2017 Trailable Yacht & Sportsboat Championships

Hosted by Gippsland Lakes Yacht Club, 30 yachts competed in this year's championship regatta. The regatta also incorporated the state titles for the RL24's, Timpenny's, Castles, & Ultimate's.

While the weather was clear the wind remained another matter, constantly shifting and dropping in and out. All 6 heats were raced, all short course windward leeward races. The races were hard fought and once again the race management by GLYC was excellent.

Series scores

Division 1 - Yardstick

Place	Sail#	Name	Class	Crew	Club	Race 1 18 Feb 2017	Race 2 18 Feb 2017	Race 3 18 Feb 2017	Race 4 19 Feb 2017	Race 5 19 Feb 2017	Race 6 19 Feb 2017	Score
1	M232	Never Again	Elliott 7.4	Gary Sawyer		1	1	1	1	1	4	5.0
1 entrants.												

Division 2 - Yardstick

Place	Sail#	Name	Class	Crew	Club	Race 1 18 Feb 2017	Race 2 18 Feb 2017	Race 3 18 Feb 2017	Race 4 19 Feb 2017	Race 5 19 Feb 2017	Race 6 19 Feb 2017	Score
1	147	Pipalini	Castle 650	Mitch Bayliss		2	1	2	2	44	2	9.0
2	C750	Fat Bottom Girl	Colson 750	Brian Murphy		1	8	1	1	2	9	13.0
3	939	Invitation	Noelex 25	Buster Hooper		4	3	46 (DNF)	3	3	6	19.0
4	991	Frontliner	Noelex 25	Bradley Jones		5	2	46 (DNF)	6	4	4	21.0
5	925	Halcyon	Noelex 25	David Barker		10	4	46 (DNF)	5	9	1	29.0
6	HA720	Poco Loco	Masrm 720C	Jane Denehy		3	5	46 (DNF)	16 (UFD)	1	5	30.0
7	880	Running Free	Noelex 25	David Philipps		8	6	46 (DNF)	4	8	10	36.0
8	938	Silver Shadow	Noelex 25	Toby Lepin		6	7	46 (DNF)	9	12	3	37.0
9	744	Tainui	Noelex 25	Ron Parker		7	9	46 (DNF)	10	5	8	39.0
10	101	Live Wire	Castle 650	Jeff Stirling		11	12	46 (DNF)	7	7	11	48.0
11	696	Paradise City	Noelex 25	Dean Hansen		9	10	16 (DNF)	8	10	46 (UFD)	53.0
12	4085	Sparkling Burgundy	Timpenny 770 DK	Trevor Turnbull		13	14	46 (DNF)	11	13	7	58.0
13	39	Dark Knight	Castle 650	Brian Davis		12	11	46 (DNF)	16 (UFD)	6	16 (UFD)	61.0
14	342	Vintage Red	RL 24 SK	Mark Francis		46 (DNF)	13	16 (DNF)	13	14	12	68.0
15	4285	Spirit	Timpenny 770 DK	Keith O'Brien		46 (DNF)	16 (DNF)	16 (DNF)	12	15	13	72.0
15 entrants.												

Stainless steel welding,
Small fabrications and repairs
Aluminium welding and repairs
Dennis Bromley 0409178193
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Place	Sail#	Name	Class	Crew	Club	Race 1 18 Feb 2017	Race 2 18 Feb 2017	Race 3 18 Feb 2017	Race 4 19 Feb 2017	Race 5 19 Feb 2017	Race 6 19 Feb 2017	Score
1	187	Jaffa	Boomerang 20 DK	Brendan Brown		1	2	1	5	2	3	9.0
2	3038	UOME	Timpenny 670	Doug Caswell		3	1	3	2	5	5	14.0
3	66	Nova	Ultimate 18 SK	Serena Jefferis		5	4	2	8	7	1	19.0
4	3031	Juniper	Timpenny 670	Alex Stroud		2	3	5	3	8	8	21.0
4	31	Uptown Girl	Ultimate 23	Adam Erickson		4	5	6	4	6	2	21.0
6	485	El Diablo	Ultimate 18 SK	Rhys Cantwell		6	6	45 (DNF)	10	1	4	27.0
7	3034	Bea Jay	Timpenny 670	David Marshall		44	7	9	1	10	6	33.0
8	10	Sedikat	Timpenny 670	Ian Rice		8	9	4	6	9	7	34.0
9	M100	Clem	Status	Andrew Somerville		9	8	8	7	3	45 (DNS)	35.0
10	40	Inspiration	Ultimate 23	Andrew MacKenzie		12	13	7	43	4	9	45.0
11	24	Tarquin	Hartley TS 18	Colin Theodore		7	11	45 (DNF)	12	12	10	52.0
12	84	Allanah	Ultimate 18 SK	Ray Cas-sar		13	12	45 (DNF)	9	11	11	56.0
13	18	Laros	Ultimate 18 DK	Len Hatfield		14	10	45 (DNF)	11	13	12	60.0
14	2380	Halcyon	Timpenny 670	Carey Fordyce		10	14	45 (DNF)	14	15 (DNS)	15 (DNS)	68.0
14 entrants. Please check the order of tied scores												



O'Really II lends a hand to the tug boats that rescued the 'Norwegian Star' that was towed from Wilsons Promontory back to Melbourne after losing engine power.



Some pics from a fun day out!

Two Rivers Cruise 26—27 November 2016



3 Club boats enjoyed a mast down cruise up the Maribyrnong & Yarra Rivers with an overnight stay at Melbourne City Marina in late November 2016

Reaching Canning Reserve up the Maribyrnong & Herring Island up the Yarra total cruise distance was approximately 30 nm.



Raleigh Road Bridge

Thursday Night Sailing 2016—2017

The year goes fast – and this year it has been a mixed bag – with not much sailing done towards the end of the season. Some nights were glorious – some were grey and bumpy – the usual conditions.

Sue Streets experienced a bumpy night when she went overboard from Sayonara as they dropped sail after the race – Kevin and Brian now say they don't need M.O.B. practice – they have already done that. Fortunately Sue was not hurt, and has been out sailing since.

The numbers were down – not as many boats stored in the Marina – and consequently the takings are not as high as usual – but we will have some to donate to the Coast Guard. Even crew numbers seemed to be down.

The b.y.o. sausages etc. seemed to work well on the Coast Guard veranda afterwards

We have had some contact with Hobsons Bay Yacht Club (In both ways!!) who are running races around the same buoys on the same night – can make it a bit interesting out there!!

Have a good winter –

Jan and Bob Reeves

Ed: See recent email for info re Topolinos...

Man Overboard Incident Report

2 Feb 2017

Sayonara NX987

Skipper: Kevin Streets

Crew: Sue Streets, Brian Boulton

Location: 400 metres NW St Kilda Marina entrance .

Time: 1945hrs

Wind:Fawkner Beacon 16-18kts S.

Sea State: 1-2m waves

We had finished the race and we had just finished taking down the sails and zipping them in the bag. Brian was on the helm and we were motoring at around 5kts. Sue who had taken down the main was preparing to move aft to the cockpit on the windward side when we were hit broadside by a very large wave. The boat heeled heavily. Sue had hold of the mast in her right hand but unfortunately when she attempted to brace herself with her foot it skidded down the curved part of the deck which does not have non-slip coverage. She cleared the life lines completely due to the extent of the heel and went into the water backwards.

She came up immediately and let me know she was ok. We had visibility of her at all times and she had visibility of us. Skipper called Man Overboard and directed the helm to turn to starboard and approach Sue from windward. The lifeline was prepared and thrown to Sue. Unfortunately, the boat had too much way on her and she couldn't get a hold on the rope.

Brian engaged the motor and we went around quickly for another approach. This time we had the horseshoe ready. We approached at a better speed and drifted down to Sue with the motor in neutral again and this time I threw the horseshoe to Sue who was very close the stern of the boat. She caught it and stabilised herself and then we threw her the lifeline and she pulled herself to the back of the boat and with help from the crew mounted the ladder into the boat.

Sue suffered no injuries and was extremely calm throughout. She is very comfortable in the water and a good swimmer. Fortunately, the water temperature was very warm, although the waves were significant at the time she was in the water. Sue was in the water for approximately 5-7 minutes.

If we had another situation of this kind we would do some things differently. There are some lessons to be learned and passed on.

It was not easy for Sue to locate the activator on her Burke Manual 150 life jacket. The cord is very short and the knob is very small and it barely protrudes beyond the jacket itself. Furthermore, the lack of a crutch strap meant that the jacket was riding high which interfered with visibility and efforts to inflate it. I intend to remedy both these situations for next week.

In future I would, if possible, use the horseshoe first to enable the person overboard to stabilise themselves before throwing the lifeline. This worked very well on the second attempt.

Also, I would ensure the boat approaches the person in the water at an appropriate speed and that the engine is put into neutral. This enabled us to retrieve Sue quite easily.

We are planning a MOB drill day in the next couple of weeks for Sayonara and everyone in the crew will run it in the different roles, except we will be using a life jacket as the MOB

We would like to thank the crews of Unfarrgettable and No Excuses who stood by to assist had they been required.

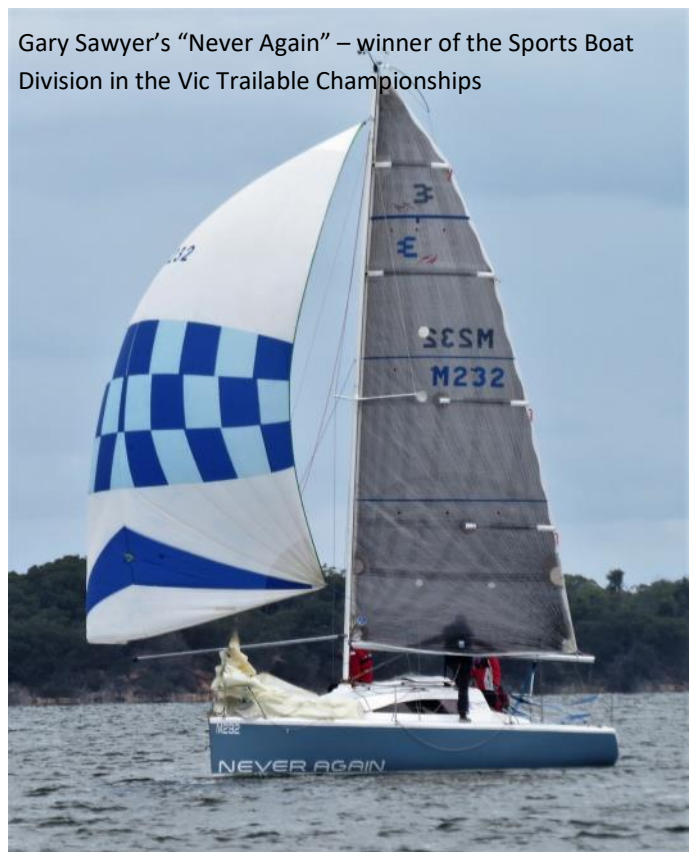
Victorian Trailable Championships

Gippsland Lakes Yacht Club conducted a very successful event with excellent on water race management and great hospitality over the weekend 18 & 19 February. A fleet of 30 trailable yachts participated in three divisions. There were seven Noelex 25 participating in the Division Two made of fifteen boats with similar CBH. There was some very close Class racing with the seven Noelex, mixed in with Castles, Timpenny 770s, and few other classes.

Well done to Buster and Cameron Hooper sailing *"By Invitation"*, finishing third overall and first Noelex. Only two points behind was Brad Jones in *"Frontliner"*. Some great action photos were taken by GLYC member Christie Arras and are provided in this newsletter.



MTYC members David Philipps' *"Running Free"* and Brad Jones' *"Frontliner"*



Gary Sawyer's *"Never Again"* – winner of the Sports Boat Division in the Vic Trailable Championships

Spectacular spinnakers on Sunday morning on the Gippsland Lakes

