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Calendar –The next few months

	Date	MTYC Races	Cruising	Social and Other Events	Other Events	Location or Starting Point
MARCH	Thur 6	Twilight Series Race				St Kilda Marina - Briefing/sign on 5:45am. Start 6:00pm
	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 6:00pm
	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 11:00am
	Thur 20	Twilight Series Race				St Kilda Marina - Briefing/sign on 5:45am, Start 6:00pm
	Fri 21 – Mon 24	MTYC Easter Regatta and family weekend				Yarrawonga Yacht Club
	Thur 27	Twilight Series Race				St Kilda Marina - Briefing/sign on 5:45am. Start 6:00pm
APRIL	Thur 3	Twilight Series Race				St Kilda Marina - Briefing/sign on 5:45am. Start 6:00pm
	Sun 6	Daylight Savings Time finishes – put your clocks back 1 hour – don't be late for today's race				
	Sun 6	Summer Series Race 11				St Kilda Marina - Briefing/sign on 9:45am. Start 11:00am
	Thur 10			Committee Meeting		Peter Rochford's House
	Sat 12			BBQ		To be advised
	Sun 20	Summer Series Race 12 – 2 heats				St Kilda Marina - Briefing/sign on 9:45am, Start 11:00am
	Fri 25 – Sun 27				Trailable Yacht Festival	Geelong Trailable Yacht Club St Helens

Cover Photo

Malcolm Knight's Farr 7500, *Impulse*, with the liner *Queen Victoria* in the background. The picture was taken during the Thursday twilight race on 21 February. *Photo supplied by Andrew Johnston*

Commodore's Column

Easter Regatta

Confirmation has been received from Yarrawonga YC that there will be sufficient water in the lake to conduct sailing over the early Easter period. Details elsewhere in the newsletter – so get your camping gear, boats (and other Easter regatta essentials!) together and plan to make this year another great Easter escape.

Sunday Racing

It was encouraging to see ten boats make it to the recent Sunday short - course racing day. Despite having to deal with the offshore powerboat racing and conduct our racing slightly further offshore, the day worked well with close racing between the ten boats on a windward - leeward course. An unprecedented number of boats only had two people on board that clearly demonstrates the opportunity for more members to join with the regular racing people. Unfortunately the following fortnight the race was abandoned with the strong wind warning prevalent for the entire weekend.



Monkey Business leads Night Crossing and Taipan downwind during the Sunday short course races

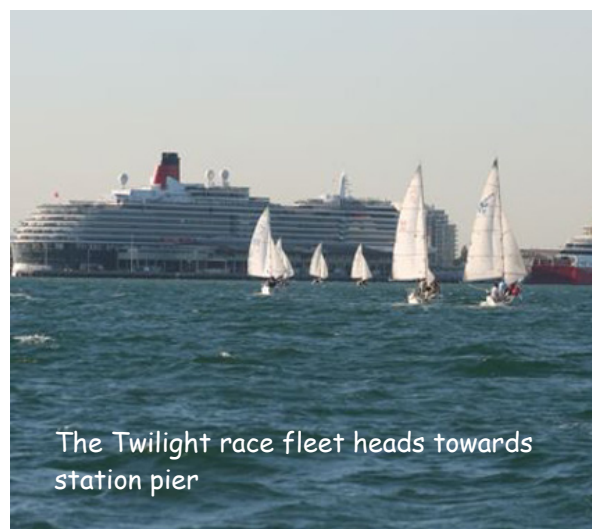
Thursday Night Sailing

Winds have continued to be kinder on Thursdays than on Sundays and recently the participants were treated to the sight of the recently launched Queen Victoria parked at Station Pier, rather dwarfing the Spirit of Tasmania. Racing was

arranged to take boats twice to Mark 79 adjacent Station Pier. On departure about 9.00pm whilst MTYC members enjoyed the usual barbecue, a spectacular fireworks display was arranged beside Station Pier to wish 'bon voyage' to the Queen Victoria.



Sadagarous and Tanina approach the Queen Victoria



The Twilight race fleet heads towards station pier

Trailable Yacht Festival

A reminder regarding this event at Geelong that coincides this year with Anzac Day on the Friday. Further details on Yachting Victoria website or www.tyfestival.com.au

Marlay Point Regatta

A number of members have entered this 40th anniversary event and are looking forward to being a part of this history-making event. Best wishes to all competing for a safe, successful and memorable Marlay experience. Best wishes to those sailing elsewhere over the Labour Day weekend and Easter period.

Ron Parker

Commodore

Trailable National titles at Skandia Geelong Week Regatta

Ron Parker, Ruth Eaton, Peter Gheller and Mike Howell teamed up to compete in their first Geelong Week regatta. Two and half days of short course racing and a longer race around Corio Bay provided some very close racing amongst stiff competition, particularly amongst the Noelex fleet from Albury-Wodonga YC. The trailables were split into two divisions and totalled only 19 boats. More news and details: www.geelongweek.com.au

Skandia Geelong Week - Trailer Yacht 2008 National Championship

Division 1

Place	Sail No	Class	Boat Name	Skipper	From	Series Score
1	159	RL 24 (SK)	WHATEVER	Darryn Dyer	LWYC	7.00
2	657	Noelex 25	EXECUTIVE SUITE	Herman Van Ree	AWYC	9.00
3	814	Noelex 25	RUM RUNNER	Phil Clements	AWYC	16.00
4	744	Noelex 25	TAINUI	Ron Parker	MTYC	24.00
5	115	Castle 650	KINDRED SPIRIT	Ted Philipps	BYCLUB	26.00
6	269	RL 24 (SK)	STREET CAR	Paul Davis	CYC	27.00
7	747	Noelex 25	PLANE SAILING	Peter Kalin	AWYC	28.00
8	1015	Noelex 25	TOUCH THE WILD	Harry Jakobs	AWYC	36.00
9	755	Farr 750	CORDON BLEU	Rob Ballard	GTYC	45.00
10	150	Castle 650	TARQUIN 2	Reinier Van Dyk	MYC	47.00
11	46	Zeemin 6.5	MAGIC PUDDING	Philip Mannes	MYC	49.50

Division 2

Place	Sail No	Boat Name	Skipper	From
1	199	OHAU-RUA	Simon Walsh	LWYC
2	402	LOWANA 5	Simon Vaughan	MYC
3	5326	ZILZIE EXPRESS	John Carl	AWYC
4	SM780	DOINITEZY	Rob Feigan	SYC
5	73	A DOGS LIFE	Chris Tulloch	MYA
6	G136	SCANNER	John Stickland	RGYC
7	454	PIPEDREAM	Adam Chambers	CYC
8	7111	MAGIC	Graham Puffett	DSC

The Big Blowout Continues

More races have been cancelled due to high winds

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

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

Race 7 - 10 Feb – Sailed with 10 boats

Race 8 - 24 Feb – Cancelled. Winds 20 – 30 knots

Race 9 - 2 Mar - Sailed with 8 boats and included the Commordore's Cup

Twilight Series

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

Feb 7 Cancelled. Winds 20 -28 knots

Feb 28 Cancelled. Winds 20 – 25 knots

Easter at Yarrawonga Yacht Club

Friday 21 to Monday 24 March

At least two races - The Easter Classic and the Sternchaser

Yarrawonga Yacht Club allows us full use of its Club House including the kitchen and barbeque, showers and toilets.

Camp next to the lagoon or sleep on your boat.

Please remember that this is an MTYC event and your non-member extras are expected to take part in the sailing

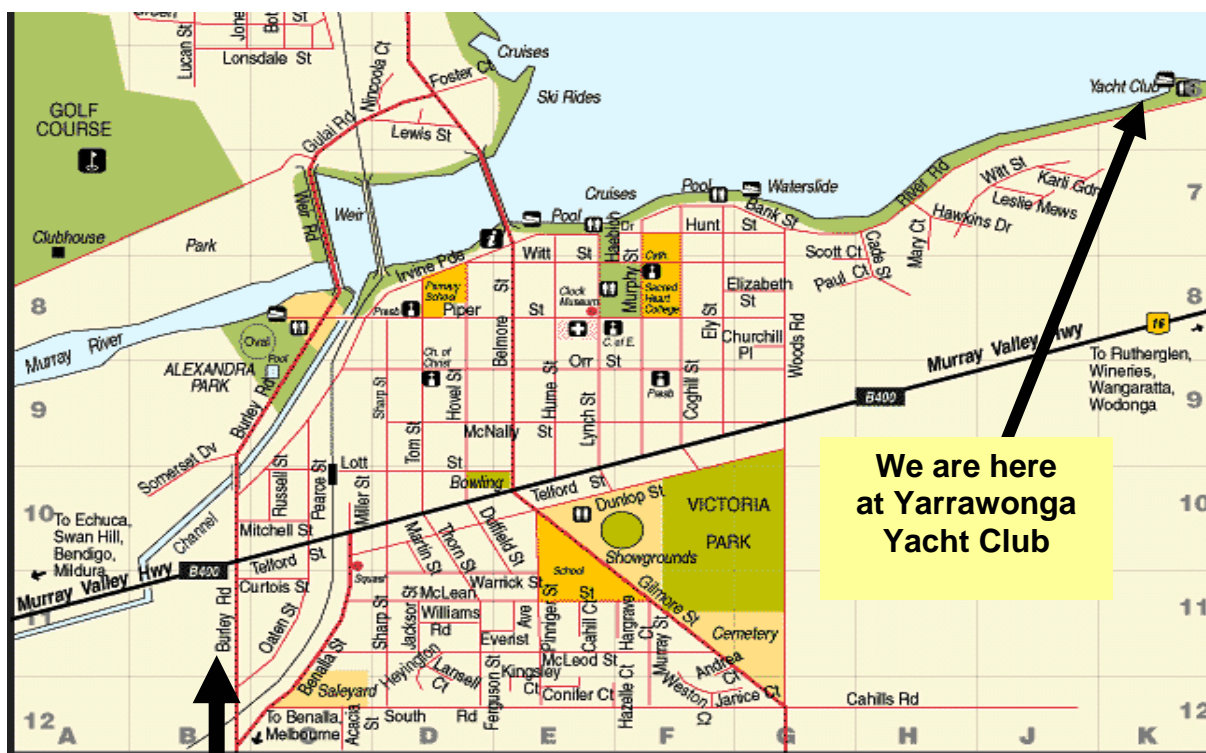
Bring the sailing dinghy for the kids

Fees are still very cheap for a long weekend

Member Family	\$100	Non Member Family	\$120
Member Adult	\$50	Non Member Adult	\$60
Member Under 18	\$40	Non Member Under	\$50

Saturday Night is Heroes and Villains Night

Bring something to BBQ for dinner at the Club rooms at 6:30 with entertainment to follow



Road from Benalla

For more information, call one of your committee members on page 2 of this newsletter

Left for Dead

The untold story of the tragic

1979 Fastnet Race

By Nick Ward with Sinead O'Brien

Published by A&C Black 2007

The world famous Fastnet Race of 1979 began in near perfect conditions, but within 48 hours of the start was hit with the deadliest storm in modern sailing history. 15 Sailors lost their lives.

Sailing a Fastnet Race had been a life long dream of Nick Ward, and '79 saw his dream realized as crew on 'Grimalkin' a Nicholson 30. The ensuing storm capsized the boat again and again. After fighting for hours to survive on the boat, the Skipper was lost overboard and three of the crew abandoned the yacht for the life raft.

Nick and his fellow crewmember Gerry, both injured and unconscious were left on the dismantled yacht. Presumed dead.

This is Nick Ward's incredible account of his survival against all odds, a story not told for 27 years.

Despite knowing the end, he lives, well he wrote it. Or knowing that despite the excitement of the race start that the storm is coming and they won't finish. This is a riveting tale, well told and very easy to read. Nick Ward has led a quite remarkable life, making this book a very rewarding read.

It is also worth remembering while reading, that in 1979 they didn't have EPIRB's to magically give their rescuers their location, or even GPS to verify it themselves. They did however have some truly fantastic fashion in '79 and the book has a couple of photo's to prove it.

Reviewed by Doug Whitby

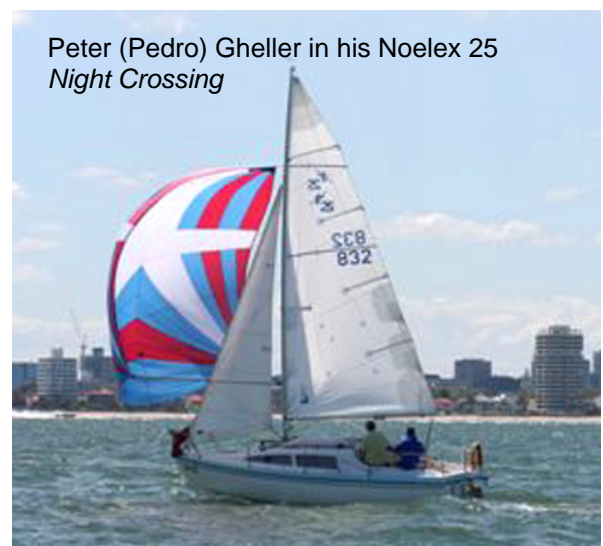
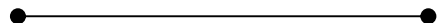
Another Whitby takes to the water.

Doug has put in a lot of work to restore this sabot for his daughter Tiegan.

We hope to see Tiegan and Tigger in action at Yarrowonga over Easter.



Tiegan and Tigger at Phillip Island



Peter (Pedro) Gheller in his Noelex 25
Night Crossing

Summer Series Race 7

10 Feb

Finally some good weather – 10 to 15 knots from the south

Heat 1

Place	Yacht	Class	Skipper	Elapsed	PHS	Corrected
1	Colduck	RL24 D	Geoff Onions	1:29:17	0.735	1:05:36
2	The Sting	RL24 D	Lloyd Graham	1:29:47	0.755	1:07:50
3	Sadagarous	Seaway 787	Alistair Owens	1:43:00	0.660	1:07:59
4	Monkey Business	Farr 6000	Phil Monk	1:46:31	0.640	1:08:10
5	Tainui	Noelex 25	Ron Parker, Ruth Eaton	1:37:21	0.716	1:09:40
6	Taipan	Hartley 24	Merv Murphy	1:49:15	0.641	1:10:01
7	Alicia II	RL24 S	Bob Reeves	1:37:33	0.725	1:10:43
8	No Excuses	Castle 650	Mark McLellan	1:38:25	0.725	1:11:21
9	Night Crossing	Noelex 25	Peter Gheller	1:47:06	0.719	1:17:00
10	Liaison	RL24 D	Adrian Cassar	1:43:21	0.760	1:18:33

Heat 2

Place	Yacht	Class	Skipper	Elapsed	PHS	Corrected
1	Sadagarous	Seaway 787	Alistair Owens	1:30:04	0.660	0:59:27
2	Colduck	RL24 D	Geoff Onions	1:22:40	0.735	1:00:45
3	The Sting	RL24 D	Lloyd Graham	1:21:15	0.755	1:01:23
4	Tainui	Noelex 25	Ron Parker, Ruth Eaton	1:27:50	0.716	1:02:51
5	Monkey Business	Farr 6000	Phil Monk	1:38:42	0.640	1:03:10
6	Taipan	Hartley 24	Merv Murphy	1:40:52	0.641	1:04:38
7	Liaison	RL24 D	Adrian Cassar	1:29:30	0.760	1:08:01
8	Alicia II	RL24 S	Bob Reeves	1:33:53	0.725	1:08:04
9	No Excuses	Castle 650	Mark McLellan	1:36:00	0.725	1:09:36
10	Night Crossing	Noelex 25	Peter Gheller	1:42:17	0.719	1:13:33

Overall Results

Place	Yacht	Class	Skipper	Elapsed	PHS	Corrected
1	Colduck	RL24 D	Geoff Onions	2:51:57	0.735	2:06:21
2	Sadagarous	Seaway 787	Alistair Owens	3:13:04	0.660	2:07:26
3	The Sting	RL24 D	Lloyd Graham	2:51:02	0.755	2:09:13
4	Monkey Business	Farr 6000	Phil Monk	3:25:13	0.640	2:11:20
5	Tainui	Noelex 25	Ron Parker, Ruth Eaton	3:05:11	0.716	2:12:31
6	Taipan	Hartley 24	Merv Murphy	3:30:07	0.641	2:14:39
7	Alicia II	RL24 S	Bob Reeves	3:11:26	0.725	2:18:47
8	Liaison	RL24 D	Adrian Cassar	3:12:51	0.760	2:26:34
9	No Excuses	Castle 650	Mark McLellan	3:14:25	0.725	2:20:57
10	Night Crossing	Noelex 25	Peter Gheller	3:29:23	0.719	2:30:33

Summer Series Race 8

24 Feb

Guess what – another blow out

Summer Series Race 9

2 March

In view of the expected change in wind conditions over the day, it was decided to run 2 short races. A second set of results based on CBH (Class Based Handicap) was calculated to decide the Commodore's Cup which had been postponed earlier in the season.

Heat 1 started in 5 kn of wind which built to about 12 kn over the first hour and then stayed at 10 to 15 knots from the south for the rest of the day's racing.

It was a beautiful warm sunny day and sailing does not get much better than this.

Heat 1

Place	Yacht	Class	Skipper	Elap	PHS	Corr
1	Tainui	Noelex 25	Ron Parker, Ruth Eaton	1:40:17	0.714	1:11:37
2	Colduck	RL24 D	Geoff Onions	1:37:28	0.748	1:12:56
3	Monkey Business	Farr 6000	Phil Monk	1:55:47	0.639	1:14:02
4	The Sting	RL24 D	Lloyd Graham	1:39:29	0.760	1:15:37
5	Alicia II	RL24 S	Bob Reeves	1:48:13	0.717	1:17:35
6	UnFarrgetable	Farr 750	Andrew Johnston	1:54:11	0.690	1:18:45
7	No Excuses	Castle 650	Mark McLellan	1:55:00	0.711	DNF
8	Tanina	Sonata 8	Roger	1:55:00	0.725	DNF

Heat 2

Place	Yacht	Class	Skipper	Elap	PHS	Corr
1	The Sting	RL24 D	Lloyd Graham	1:16:37	.760	0:58:14
2	Tainui	Noelex 25	Ron Parker, Ruth Eaton	1:21:40	.714	0:58:20
3	Colduck	RL24 D	Geoff Onions	1:20:05	.748	0:59:56
4	Alicia II	RL24 S	Bob Reeves	1:25:33	.717	1:01:20
5	UnFarrgetable	Farr 750	Andrew Johnston	1:30:02	.690	1:02:06
6	Monkey Business	Farr 6000	Phil Monk	1:37:10	.639	1:02:08
7	No Excuses	Castle 650	Mark McLellan	1:30:17	.711	1:04:12
8	Tanina	Sonata 8	Roger	1:29:24	.725	1:04:49

Overall Results

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1	Tainui	Noelex 25	Ron Parker, Ruth Eaton	3:01:57	0.714	2:09:57
2	Colduck	RL24 D	Geoff Onions	2:57:33	0.748	2:12:52
3	The Sting	RL24 D	Lloyd Graham	2:56:06	0.760	2:13:52
4	Monkey Business	Farr 6000	Phil Monk	3:32:57	0.639	2:16:09
5	Alicia II	RL24 S	Bob Reeves	3:13:46	0.717	2:18:55
6	UnFarrgetable	Farr 750	Andrew Johnston	3:24:13	0.690	2:20:51
7	No Excuses	Castle 650	Mark McLellan	N/A	0.711	
8	Tanina	Sonata 8	Roger	N/A	0.725	

Commodore's Cup

From the same races, but calculated using Class Based Handicap (CBH)

Place	Yacht	Class	Skipper	Elap	CBH	Corr
1	Tainui	Noelex 25	Ron Parker, Ruth Eaton	3:01:57	0.725	2:11:55
2	The Sting	RL24 D	Lloyd Graham	2:56:06	0.760	2:13:50
3	Colduck	RL24 D	Geoff Onions	2:57:33	0.760	2:14:56
4	Monkey Business	Farr 6000	Phil Monk	3:32:57	0.640	2:16:17
5	Alicia II	RL24 S	Bob Reeves	3:13:46	0.725	2:20:29
6	UnFarrgetable	Farr 750	Andrew Johnston	3:24:13	0.700	2:22:57
7	No Excuses	Castle 650	Mark McLellan	N/A	0.725	N/A
8	Tanina	Sonata 8	Roger	N/A	0.725	N/A