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Melbourne Trailable Yacht Club Inc

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MTYC COMMITTEE - 2008-2009

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Calendar –The next few months			
	Date	MTYC Events	Location or Starting Point
MAR	Sat 7 Sun 8	Marley Point Race	Lake Wellington Yacht Club – details page 7
	Tues 10	Committee Meeting	Bells Hotel, South Melb. 8:00 pm
	Thur 12	Twilight Race	St Kilda Marina - Briefing 5:45pm, Start 6:00pm
	Sun 15	Summer Series Race 8 – 2 heats	St Kilda Marina - Briefing 9:45am, Start 11:00am
	Thur 19	Twilight Race	St Kilda Marina - Briefing 5:45pm, Start 6:00pm
	XXX	Training Day	Will now be held during Easter at Yarrowonga
	Thur 26	Twilight Race	St Kilda Marina - Briefing 5:45pm, Start 6:00pm
	Fri 27 - Sun 29	Trailable Yacht Festival	Geelong – details in newsletter
APRIL	Thurs 2	Committee Meeting	Bells Hotel, South Melb. 8:00 pm
	Sun 5	Summer Series Race 9 – 2 heats	St Kilda Marina - Briefing 9:45am, Start 11:00am
	10 - 14	Easter Regatta at Yarrowonga	Yarrowonga Yacht Club see info in this newsletter
	Sun 19	Summer Series Race 10 – 1 heat	St Kilda Marina - Briefing 9:45am, Start 11:00am
	Sat 25	Weekend Cruise	Depart Rye boat ramp 10:30am

Cover picture – John McDonald sailing his Sunmaid 20, *Portia* on the Gippsland Lakes after Christmas.

Thanks to Ron Parker for the cover picture and all the photos on page 8

MTYC Easter Family Event at Yarrawonga Yacht Club

Friday 10 to Monday 13 April

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 - Bring the sailing dinghy for the kids

Arrive Thursday afternoon or Friday morning

Fees are unchanged from last year

Member Family	\$100
Member Adult	\$50
Member U18	\$40
Non Member Family	\$120
Non Member Adult	\$60
Non Member U18	\$50

Bring your boat, your crew and your family for a fantastic Easter filled with sailing and fun.

There will be at least two races - The Easter Classic and the Sternchaser

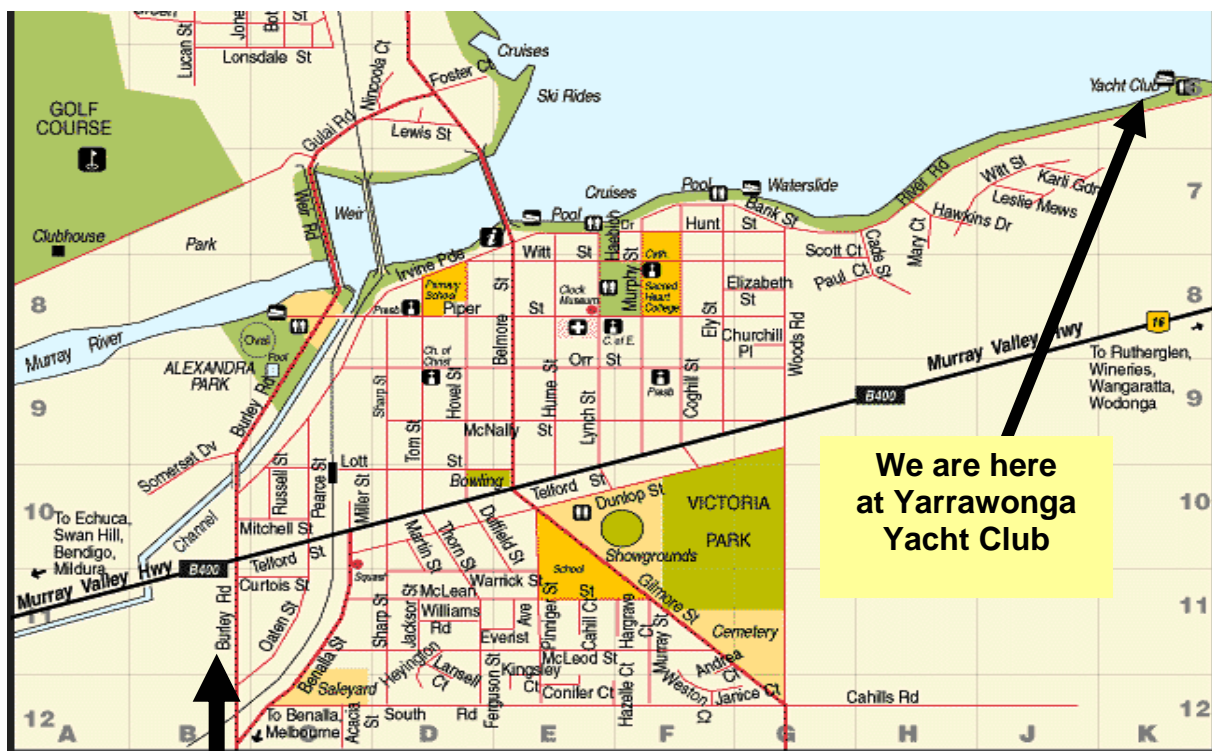
Please remember that this is an MTYC event and your non-member extras are expected to take part in the sailing

**Saturday Night
is a p"party
Dress up as anything starting
with p**

Bring a main course (starting with p) to share.

The committee will provide desserts - (starting with p)

There will be party games



Road from Benalla

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

Commodore's Report

Geoff Onions

Since our last newsletter, things have been busy on the water with some of the best sailing weather for sometime.

The summer race series continues with good fleet numbers, with Race 6 held on the 8th Feb with 8 starters and Race 7 held on the 27th Feb attracting 11 starters. This year in the summer series, we have 18 different yachts competing, easily the best numbers for several years.

The twilight series continues, with good average fleet numbers, however the strong afternoon sea breezes has played havoc with several of the races needing to be abandoned.

We have had several club members compete in the Geelong Scandia week and 1 yacht Cruise around Corio Bay over the January weekend. We have had 6 yachts enjoy the cruise around Western Port and French Island on the weekend of 14th & 15th February and 9 yachts enjoy one of the best Marley Point overnight races for many years.

Over the coming weeks we have the Summer Race number 8 on the 15th March, the Trailable Yacht Festival in Geelong on the 28th & 29th March, Race 9 on the 5th April followed by Easter at Yarrowonga. So hopefully you can come along, participate and enjoy the fun of Racing and Cruising in company.

Unfortunately this year the Mt Hotham weekend has been cancelled as Darrell Reid has advised that the lodge is unavailable for our weekend. The committee will look for a replacement Social activity and will advise via the next newsletter issue.

Keep safe and enjoy your sailing over the next few weeks.

Thursday Night Sailing

The run of bad weather continues to interfere with the twilight sailing this year. Having had four nights prior to Christmas cancelled, it has been frustrating to deal with further cancellations and bad luck with forecasts.

The 29 January was an interesting evening for a sail. The morning forecast for Port Phillip advised of the change due early evening of around 15-20 knots and possible stronger gusts with the change. The 4.40pm weather forecast advised of a southerly change of around 15-20 knots and deleted any reference to the stronger gusts.

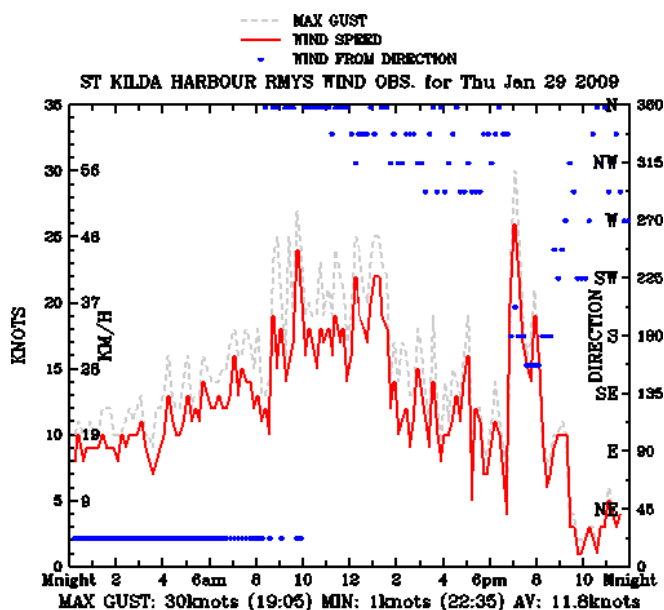
Given the day had been 44 C, sailing along in a light northerly wind whilst waiting for the cool change to arrive seemed like a reasonable way to spend the evening. The wind averaging around 5 to 10 knots from the north, all the boats had large sails up and were relatively closely bunched.

Out to the west a line of grey appeared on the water and the ships at anchor in the distance had started to swing. Then the change hit. The graph below explains it all – a rapid rise to 25-30 knots.

The fleet dropped or changed jibs and reefed mains, whilst beating out to the B Mark. Consensus was reached to abandon and return to shore, given the uncertainty of how long this new southerly breeze was going to last.

It was nice to see everyone readily cope with the dramatic change. Another Thursday night sail to remember.

Ron Parker



VALE

The committee and members of the MTYC were saddened to hear that two founding members of the Western Trailable Yacht Club, John Horlock and John Smythe passed away recently. John Smythe was the WTYC Commodore in the early days when Darrell Reid first joined the club. Most of our current members will not have known them, but I'm sure their families will be pleased to know the club they founded in 1973 is now the largest trailable yacht club in Melbourne and is as strong as ever.

Geoff Onions
Commodore

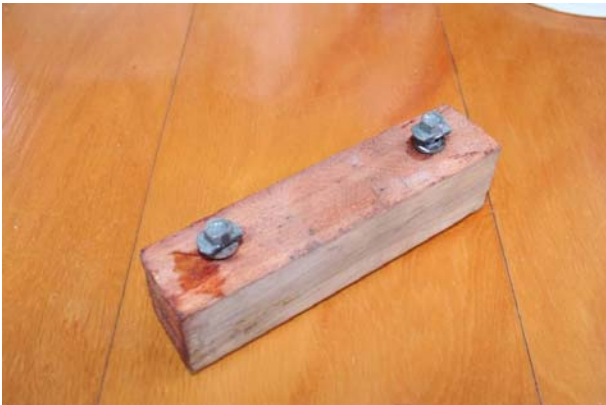
Westernport Bay Cruise Around French Island

Sat 14, Sun 15 February

This cruise was a great success and a report will be included in the April newsletter.

Bob's gadget of the month

What is this?



Nearly every boat could use one of these from time to time. See back page....

The APC Logistics MARLAY POINT OVERNIGHT RACE

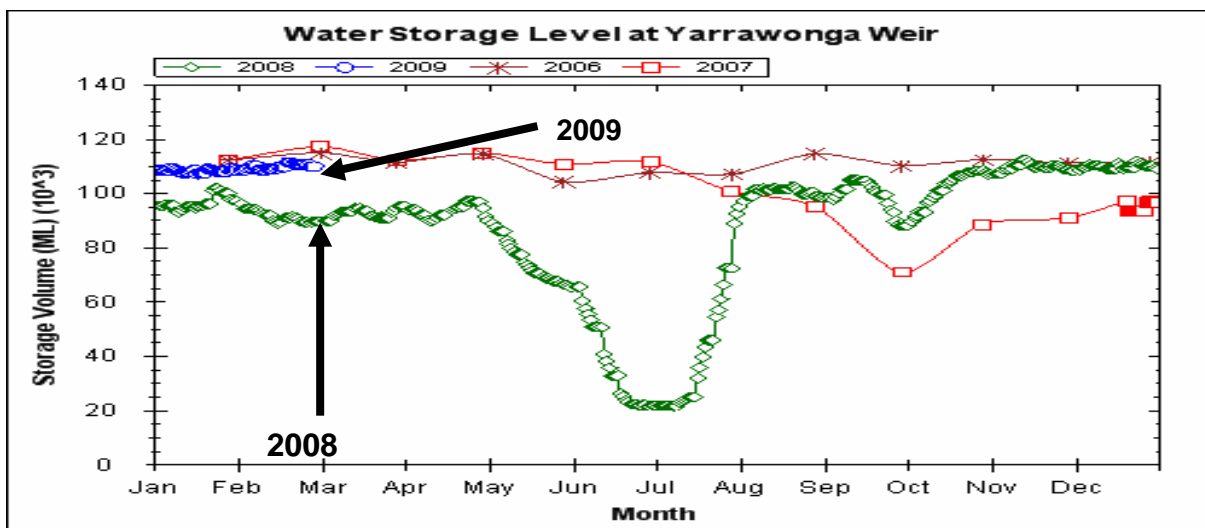
MARCH 7TH 2009

Nine MTYC boats took part in the 41st Marley Point Over Night Race and unlike the drifters of the last 2 years the conditions were perfect with some boats finishing more than 9 hours earlier than in 2008.

A more detailed story with the results will be published in the April newsletter

Yarrawonga Water Levels

The good news is that the water levels are substantially higher than at Easter last year (see the graph) and our advice is that it will stay full for this Easter.



SUMMER RACE – Race 6 8 Feb 20009

Race 1- Results on PHC

Race 2 Results on PHC

Boat Name	PHC	Elap	Corr	Place	Boat Name	Elap	Corr	Place
Night Crossing	0.673	1:30:20	1:00:47	1	Night Crossing	1:28:32	0:59:34	1
Liaison	0.714	1:28:10	1:02:54	2	The Sting	1:21:10	1:00:09	2
Tainui	0.725	1:28:35	1:04:16	3	Tainui	1:23:47	1:00:47	3
Taipan	0.625	1:43:23	1:04:39	4	Taipan	1:40:55	1:03:06	4
The Sting	0.741	1:28:20	1:05:28	5	No Excuses	1:33:14	1:04:56	5
No Excuses	0.697	1:36:50	1:07:27	6	Liaison	DNS	DNS	8
Monkey Business	0.634	DNF	DNF	7	Monkey Business	DNS	DNS	8
Bluey	0.577	DNS	DNS	8	Bluey	DNS	DNS	8

COMBINED – Results on PHC

Boat Name	Skipper	Type	Place Race 1	Place Race 2	Combined Places	Combined Corrected Time	PHC Overall Place
Night Crossing	Peter Gheller	Noelex 25	1	1	2	2:00:22	1
Tainui	Ron Parker, Ruth Eaton	Noelex 25	3	3	6	2:05:03	2
The Sting	Lloyd Graham	RL24 D	5	2	7	2:05:37	3
Taipan	Merv Murphy	Hartley 24	4	4	8	2:07:45	4
Liaison	Adrian Cassar	RL24 D	2	8	10	N/A	5
No Excuses	Mark McLellan	Castle 650	6	5	11	2:12:23	6
Monkey Business	Phil Monk	Farr 6000	7	8	15	N/A	7
Bluey	John Brooks	Young 5.2	8	8	16	N/A	8

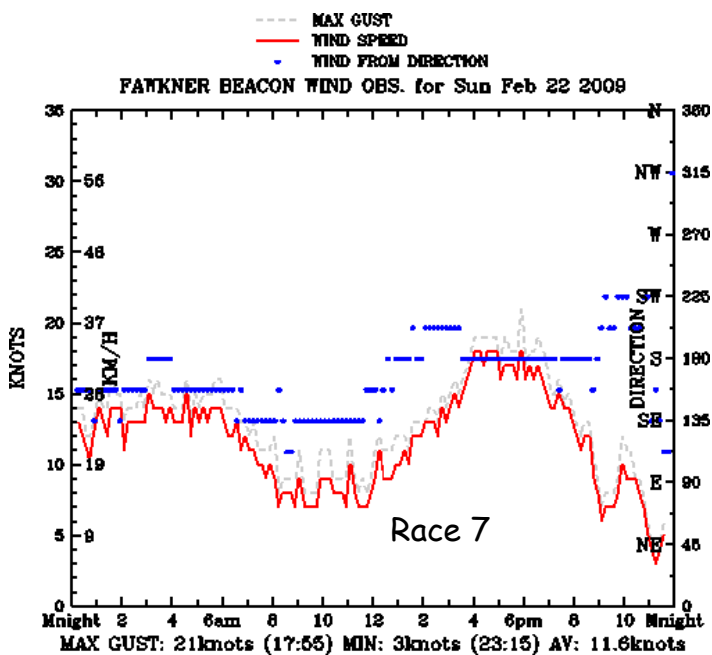
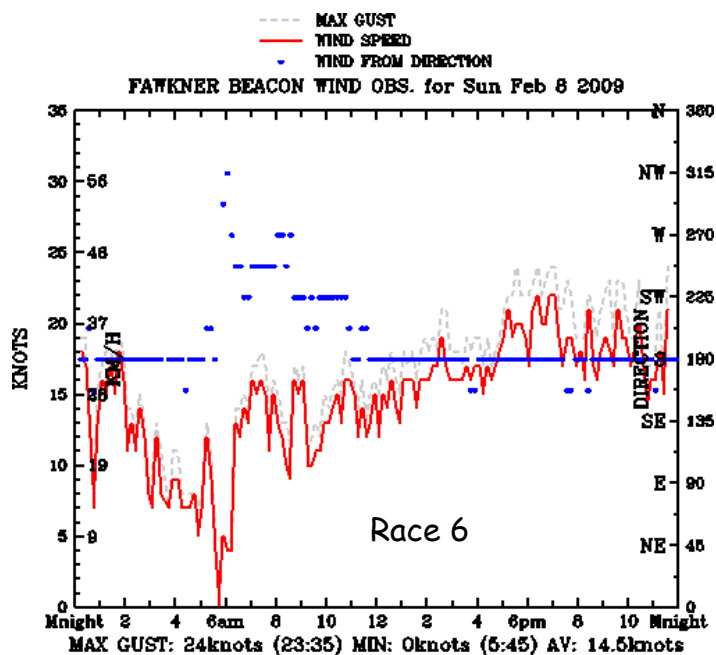
Race 1- Results on CBH

Race 2- Results on CBH

Boat Name	CBH	Corr Time Race 1	Place Race 1	Boat Name	Corr Time Race 2	Place Race 2
Tainui	0.725	1:04:13	1	Tainui	1:00:45	1
Night Crossing	0.725	1:05:30	2	The Sting	1:01:41	2
Liaison	0.760	1:07:00	3	Night Crossing	1:04:11	3
The Sting	0.760	1:07:08	4	Taipan	1:05:36	4
Taipan	0.650	1:07:12	5	No Excuses	1:07:36	5
No Excuses	0.725	1:10:12	6	Liaison	DNS	8
Monkey Business	0.640	DNF	7	Monkey Business	DNS	8
Bluey	0.600	DNS	8	Bluey	DNS	8

COMBINED - Results on CBH

Boat Name	Skipper	Type	Place Race 1	Place Race 2	Combined Places	Combined Corr Time	CBH Overall Place
Tainui	Ron Parker, Ruth Eaton	Noelex 25	1	1	2	2:04:58	1
Night Crossing	Peter Gheller	Noelex 25	2	3	5	2:09:41	2
The Sting	Lloyd Graham	RL24 D	4	2	6	2:08:49	3
Taipan	Merv Murphy	Hartley 24	5	4	9	2:12:48	4
No Excuses	Mark McLellan	Castle 650	6	5	11	2:17:48	5
Liaison	Adrian Cassar	RL24 D	3	8	11	N/A	6
Monkey Business	Phil Monk	Farr 6000	7	8	15	N/A	7
Bluey	John Brooks	Young 5.2	8	8	16	N/A	8



SUMMER RACE 7 - 22 Feb 2009

PHC

Boat Name	PHC	Start 1	Finish	Elapsed	PHC Corr	PHC Place	PHC - Revised for Next race
UnFarrGetable	0.637	11:15:00	14:17:50	3:02:50	1:56:24	1	0.646
Taipan	0.619	11:15:00	14:24:24	3:09:24	1:57:12	2	0.624
Colduck	0.726	11:15:00	13:59:30	2:44:30	1:59:29	3	0.728
Tainui	0.725	11:15:00	14:00:05	2:45:05	1:59:46	4	0.725
No Excuses	0.678	11:15:00	14:16:12	3:01:12	2:02:53	5	0.674
Night Crossing	0.681	11:15:00	14:18:22	3:03:22	2:04:55	6	0.675
Almost Too	0.611	11:00:00	14:25:32	3:25:32	2:05:35	7	0.604
Bluey	0.577	11:00:00	14:38:05	3:38:05	2:05:50	8	0.569
Alicia II	0.698	11:15:00	14:15:50	3:00:50	2:06:18	9	0.687
Monkey Business	0.634	11:00:00	14:25:15	3:25:15	2:10:10	10	0.617
Sunray	0.620	11:00:00	DNF	DNF	DNF	11	0.620

CBH

Boat Name	Skipper	Type	CBH	Corr Time	Place
Tainui	Ron Parker, Ruth Eaton	Noelex 25	0.725	1:59:41	1
Taipan	Merv Murphy	Hartley 24	0.650	2:03:07	2
Colduck	Geoff Onions	RL24 D	0.760	2:05:01	3
UnFarrGetable	Andrew Johnston	Farr 750	0.725	2:07:59	4
Bluey	John Brooks	Young 5.2	0.600	2:10:51	5
Alicia II	Bob Reeves	RL24 S	0.725	2:11:06	6
Monkey Business	Phil Monk	Farr 6000	0.640	2:11:22	7
No Excuses	Mark McLellan	Castle 650	0.725	2:11:22	7
Almost Too	Colin Clark	Farr 6000	0.640	2:11:32	9
Night Crossing	Peter Gheller	Noelex 25	0.725	2:12:56	10
Sunray	Doug Whitby	TS16	0.630	DNF	11

The Hetherington family racing *MissTress* at the RL24 Nationals



Happy hour at Steamers Landing at Xmas aboard *The Sting*, Lloyd and Sue Graham's RL24



John McDonald sailing solo on the Lakes at Xmas on *Portia*, a Sunmaid



Steve and Ann Holligan preparing for their first Twilight Race on their RL28, *Silhouette*



Two Farr 6000s, *Almost Too*, Colin Clark and *Monkey Business* (me again) battle it out downwind at St Kilda



Doug Whitby in his TS16 *Sunray*, racing at St Kilda



2009 Trailable Yacht Festival

Geelong

27th, 28th and 29th March

The 2009 Trailable Yacht Festival, now in its 5th year, will once again be hosted by the Geelong Trailable Yacht Club from its base at St Helens on the shores of Corio Bay.

The Festival is a three-day event commencing on Friday 27th March, but if you can't get the Friday off work, the program will take into account some people will register on the Saturday.

The program will follow the same general format as in other years but also introduce different activities that we trust will appeal to TY owners and their families. For example, we will be conducting a "Cockpit Swap session" on the Saturday morning where TY owners can buy/sell/barter/give away various surplus or pre-loved items of yachting equipment that might be of use to others.

The proposed program is:

Friday morning:	Registrations, rigging and launching time
Friday afternoon:	Relaxing or sailing or Geelong tourist spots explored
Friday evening:	Happy hour, guest speaker at St Helens. Overnight at St Helens
Saturday morning:	Registrations, Cockpit Swap Session, boat judging commences
Saturday afternoon:	Official opening, cruise/Poker Run to finish at Royal Geelong Yacht Club
Saturday night:	Festival dinner with guest speaker Mr Ted Peers, former lighthouse keeper at many locations around the Victorian coast. Overnight at RGYC
Sunday morning:	Sail back to St Helens, marine demonstrations and displays (including a flare demonstration, so bring your out of date flares!)
Sunday afternoon:	Pre-paid lunch and official close

The earlier time for the 2009 Festival will hopefully mean warmer weather! Why not think about more than the just the weekend and taking a week or more holiday with the boat; based at St Helens/RGYC to fully enjoy what Corio Bay cruising and the Geelong area has to offer

Full details and registration information is available at tyfestival.com.au or by ringing Rob Ballard on 5243 0239

Hope to see everybody at the 2009 Festival,

Rob Ballard

Geelong Trailable Yacht Club TYF Co-ordinator

Martha Cove Marina

Trevor Bland (*Run n Racin* - Austral Clubman 8032) gives his view on the new marina at Safety Beach.

Located at Safety Beach, Mornington Peninsula, Melbourne, Victoria

Martha Cove Marina and public boat launching is now in operating as of January 2009 .

I have attached photos of the new ramp and marina which will make a great weekend stopover or just a day out on the bottom end of the bay . Attached is berthing schedule agreement that can be pre-filled out and put on file at the marina office. Also a rate list for berthing . The pricing looks a bit exy at first glance but when broken down it is worth it eg. A 10 metre berth for 1 night = \$59.00 this fee includes ramp fees which is \$15 per day eg. \$15 to launch Saturday and \$15 to retrieve on Sunday.

The ramp is privately operated by Martha Cove Security, open to the public and only open from 6.00am till 6.00 pm daily hence the \$15 a day charge . Both car and trailer are under surveillance camera making this one of the most secure launch sites around.

As the photos show the Martha Cove project is still in construction mode and toilet facilities are primitive but I am sure things will improve soon.

I hope that this is of use to all fellow trailer yachties as it now gives us a new safe harbour location to launch and sail from.

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MTYC Polar Fleece Vests

Orders are now being finalised for MTYC logo embroidered navy, reversible polar fleece vests.

Sample sizes are available to try.

Price to members, including embroidered logo: \$40.

Just what you need for happy hour gatherings, particularly over Easter.

Orders to be placed by Sunday 29 March.

Further details, and orders: Ron Parker, a/h 9527 8310



Commodore Geoff Onions racing his RL24 Colduck at St Kilda

Bob's gadget of the month

A hatch opener!!!



This incredibly simple but well crafted gadget made by Bob Reeves ("Inspector Gadget") was just what Ron needed to open a stubborn inspection hatch on Tainui's water tank.

It would probably fit a variety of different brand hatch covers and it worked a treat.

Well crafted by Bob - he should be on the *"New Inventors"*!!

Look out for next month's creative carpentry from MTYC's Inspector Gadget.

