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MTYC OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER



Flare demonstration and practice at APYC November 30, 2016

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Commodore's Report – November 2016

Despite a blustery start to the summer sailing season, with 3 weekends in a row with gale warnings for the bay and the Commodore's Cup postponed. There has been some sailing achieved.

Although Saturday & Sunday morning the wind blew dogs off chains, the Trailable Yacht Division's season opening weekend was again a great event. Congratulations to Ron Parker, winner of the Bob Couper nautical quiz at the season opening dinner, to take the title of Quiz Master for next year's dinner. Thankfully late Sunday morning the wind abated (as forecast) for the Trailable Yacht Division discover sailing day at Docklands.

Thursday twilight racing is underway again, as always Thursday evenings provide some great racing as well as a terrific social gathering for the post race BBQ.

Melbourne Cup weekend's traditional Gippsland Lakes cruise saw 9 trailables + Kevin & Erica Corcoran's keelboat enjoy some great sailing on the lakes.

Summer Short Course fleets have been great with 8 boats for heats 1&2 racing and 10 for heat 3. Heat 3 was followed by heat 1 of the Women's Sailing Series. 5 women skippers competed in the first of this 3 race series, congratulations to Sue Bromley, who skippered Tainui to first place.

5 Club boats joined the Lipton Cup fleet on Sunday Nov.20 for heat 1 of the Long Course Series, and after all the heavy air sailing at the start of the season, a champagne sailing day was greatly appreciated.

MTYC Christmas Party is not far away now. This is always a great social evening, be sure to save the date and come along, Refer to the notice further in this newsletter.

The committee is also planning a PFD inspection night for your PFDs that you purchased over 12 months ago now! Refer to the notice further in this newsletter.

Doug Whitby

Commodore



Shortland Bluff from the Rip! 14/11/16



The Iron Pot!

Stainless steel welding,
Small fabrications and repairs
Aluminium welding and
repairs

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Supermoon over Pt Nepean 14/11/16

Melbourne Cup Weekend Cruise

9 MTYC trailables : Hartley TS 16 'Sunray', Farr 6000 'Almost Too', Sunmaid 20 'Portia', Noelex 25s 'Night Crossing', & 'O'Really', Seaway 25 'Rampage', RL28s 'Silhouette', & 'San Puer', Noelex 30 'Sansa', were joined by Kevin & Erica Corcoran's keelboat for a long weekend cruising the Gippsland Lakes. 4 of the 10 yachts (Sunray, Portia, Rampage, & Night Crossing.) were sailed single handed, to make a cruising group of 16.



Departing Paynesville on Saturday morning, we headed to Metung. Starting out in very light air, the breeze filled in to provide a great sail, with only a couple of short tack to get into Bancroft Bay, where we managed to berth all 10 yachts, at the Metung jetty. Here we enjoyed a crowded happy hour aboard Sue & Lloyd's RL28 'Silhouette'.



Picnic Arm was selected as the destination for Sunday, with a front forecast to come through at around 5 pm, shelter was the priority in this selection. Another fantastic sail from Metung to Picnic Arm, on a very broad reach, saw us reach our destination and secure a nice section of the Arm for all 9 trailables. (The keelboat picked up a mooring around the

corner at the top of Duck Arm). Arriving at around midday, we had lunch, walked, talked, napped, and relaxed and brought happy hour forward by an hour. This proved to be an inspired decision as at 5pm the forecast front hit with wind, rain, thunder, & hail!



The plan for Monday was to maybe head across to Sperm whale Head for lunch, before returning to Paynesville. Kevin & Erica headed over early and reported that conditions there were not the most comfortable. So with a strong wind still blowing from the west, we motored back to Paynesville.

Ron & Ruth kindly invited the group to a BBQ on Raymond Is. for the evening, where we were joined by Jan & Annica and Peter McMeikin & Marg Nuttall.

And another successful cruise on the Gippsland Lakes came to its conclusion. Thanks to Ron & Ruth for their boundless hospitality, and to Lloyd as Cruise coordinator.

Doug Whitby
'Sunray'



Thursday Nights

Race 8 coming up this season – and so far only one abandonment!!

Fleets have ranged from 3 to 10 – and the weather has varied as widely – from cold and windy to beautiful!! It is good to see Adrian and Night Crossing along – the only boat not in the marina.

The change of catering arrangements has gone very smoothly – and a lot of people are still enjoying their Thursday Night sail.

Results are on the website.

Jan Reeves.

FISH AND CHIP NIGHT 15th December, 2016.

The plan, as always, was to leave St. Kilda marina at 6.00 p.m., sail to Williamstown – have fish and chips on the grass, and sail back . Must have worked because we have pictures...



Flare Demonstration and PFD servicing...

On November 30, representatives from MTYC, the NYAA, Baysiders and various hangers on, attended a great demonstration of the appropriate use of flares, and servicing of inflatable lifejackets given by Peter for Pains Wessex, and Tim Warner for Marine Safety Victoria—now Transport Safety Victoria.

Peter began proceedings by showing us the new type of red flare, which has been in use for the last 3 or 4 years—I checked when I got home, and the current flares I have are of the new type.

Note that to use these flares you must first extend them until they click into place... It takes a firm tug and is not something you would want to try and figure out in an emergency! It was embarrassing to a number of us that we hadn't realised the design had changed!!

To the delight of the local sea scouts, we then each had a go at letting off a flare. It was good to do this again and refresh the memory.

It is always impressive to see the heat generated by the red flares particularly, and to understand that you cannot extinguish them. One was ignited and dropped into a bucket of water where it continued burning. The casing of the red flare was white hot when the flare had gone out, and it was a reminder to not drop the spent flare into the boat, to cause further problems...

It was noted that once the flares have expired they become dangerous goods, which has rather different connotations for carrying them...

Tim then went through the safety requirements for inflatable lifejackets/pfds. These should be visually inspected on each occasion you go out, but are required to have an annual inspection. They are not legal unless dated proof of inspection is



recorded on the jacket by whoever inspects it. The procedures for doing this inspection can be downloaded from the various manufacturer's websites, along with forms to record the results of the inspection. Most jackets have a tab on which the test can be recorded also. If this is not present to be shown as required, Tim suggested that a copy of the inspection report be carried in the pocket of the jacket (in a suitable plastic bag) to comply with the requirements.

Example requirements:

Marlin

<http://www.marlin-australia.com.au/inflatable-servicing.html>

New Year on the Gippsland Lakes

This year NEW YEARS EVE gathering will be on the beach on Raymond Is. This beach is located north towards the ferry by one jetty from Ron & Ruth's jetty. This beach is quite roomy and will fit a number of yachts. Note: Be careful when approaching as there will most likely be swimmer during the day. Anchor at the beach stern in with a bow anchor set well out in deep water, 2 stern anchors or stakes. **Anchors and stakes should be well covered and marked for public safety.** Please use short stern lines to keep the fore-shore clear for beach users and activities.

We intend meet on the beach during the afternoon and have happy hour together around 5PM, if you can wait that long! Dinner will be an individual thing as we don't have communal cooking this year. After dinner meet back on the beach for more socializing while we wait for the fireworks and the New Year.

Toilet: The closest is at the ferry which is about 5-10 minutes' walk. A porta potty is a good idea!

Any more questions, contact Lloyd on Mob 0425723511 or seiko@netsoace.net.au

Please if you can, drop me an email so that we know when and how many yachts will be there on NEW YEARS EVE.

We look forward to your company.

(Sorry, I couldn't reproduce the map in Jibsheets...)

Blues Train Cruise

11 Feb 2017 to 12 Feb 2017

Replacing the annual Rye Sorrento cruise, we will be departing from Rye and sailing to Queenscliff instead.

We will be staying Saturday night in the Queens Cliff marina.

On the Saturday for those who want to we will be going on the Blues train.

For those who want to go on the Blues Train you need to book now as the seats are filling fast.

Book your tickets & for further information: <http://www.thebluestrain.com.au/tickets-and-lineup/>

If you do book but can't attend there is a ticket exchange available. Ticket exchange www.tickets.thebluestrain.com.au

January 14 2017

Queenscliff-Geelong Race

This is the re sail date for heat 1 of the Trailable Traveller Series.

Revised Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions will be posted on the GTYC website gtyc.com.au soon.



Bow thruster for Christmas, anyone???

Found somewhere on the net, of course!



2016/2017 DOUGLAS TROPHY – TRAILABLE YACHT SERIES

**Saturdays 26 November 2016, 21 January 2017,
11 February 2017 & 25 February 2017**

In 2016 BYS was crowned Victorian Discover Sailing Centre of the year - join fellow trailable yacht sailors in the first Douglas Trophy race series (class based handicap) and find out why. BYS has undergone the greatest transformation in its history, with a \$5m clubhouse completed in 2015 – incorporating facilities that include a bistro, members lounge, canteen, licensed bar and deck with stunning views of the bay and surrounding coastline. The club offers a range of opportunities for all ages and levels of sailing.



**Free one night
berth in marina for
non-member
entrants and
trailer storage
area (subject to
availability)**

Entry fees:

Members:

No charge

Non-members:

\$15 per race or

\$50 for series

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