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MTYC OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER



Shane and Brian cooked a Cobb roast on the way back from Refuge—June 2008

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Commodore's Report – August 2021

Ok, so it's been a while since my last report. And hopefully we've completed lockdown 6 and don't require a 7th (fingers crossed). So, looking back on what we've managed to achieve over the past few months, some of it feels like ancient history. The 2020-2021 Summer Series and Twilights Series wound up with 7 out of 10 races held in the Summer Series, and 9 Twilight races completed. But It's been a tough season to get races & series completed. The usual culprit – unsuitable weather, saw the Sunday Island Race, Four Points Race, MTYC Women's Series & the Vic State Trailable Yacht Championships either abandoned or in the case of the Championships, postponed.



But, on a more positive note, the Marlay Point Overnight Race, with a fleet of 93, did manage to avoid lockdown restrictions. And with 14 boats representing MTYC, we accounted for 15% of the fleet. The wind was typically very light, and dropped significantly as the fleet circumnavigated Raymond Island. Our Easter Regatta at Yarrawonga was also, as usual a great weekend away with beautiful warm sunshine on the shores of Lake Mulwala. Friday night we joined YYC members & locals for their Club's regular Happy Hour. While we had good breeze on Saturday for the Easter Classic race, Sunday's Sternchaser race was a real challenge in super light 'breeze'.

This weekend caters to all aspects of our Club, a friendly social gathering with a couple of races to put your skills to the test, & lots of just mucking around with boats. This is a great event for the whole family, so be sure to add it to your calendar for next year!

Off the back of Easter, a group of members travelled to Southern Queensland to explore Moreton Bay & surrounds and beyond. And for a few the Bay-to-Bay race was an additional highlight. We look forward to the tales & photos.

Our Winter Series started on Sunday 20 June, unfortunately restrictions ruled out both July and August's races, so hopefully we can complete the series in September.

Our Annual Dinner, Presentation Night & AGM will be rescheduled as soon as possible, once the current restrictions are eased. We have loads of terrific door prizes, and it's always a fun evening. So be sure to join us.

We will be co-hosting the 2022 Trailable Yacht & Sportsboat Championships with Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron. To be held 19-20 February 2022 this is heat 5 of the Victorian Traveller Series. And our Four Points Race is the 6th and final heat of the Series on the 30th April 2022.

We will be needing volunteers to assist with both of these events. This is a great way to gain a front row seat to all the action,

Your committee have been working hard on putting together the upcoming calendar of events. If you have an idea for a cruise, race, social event let one of the people on the Committee List on page 1 know. Looking for crew? Or looking to crew? Contact our Crew Coordinator Stephen Reardon.

Doug Whitby
MTYC Commodore

Paynesville Pontoon Peril *By Len Hatfield*

PERIL ONE

On Tuesday 6th April 2021 LAROS was berthed on a powered pontoon at Paynesville. Suddenly there was the roar of an out-board motor. Looking up, a skipperless RIB was doing a 360 in the Straits and heading for the walkway opposite GLYC berths 13 and 14. It catapulted over the walkway into berths 13 and 14 heading for LAROS. It bounced off the walkway opposite LAROS and changed course hitting the GLYC Rescue boat and a canoe sterned yacht. KEVIN CORCORAN jumped onto the GLYC Rescue boat and grabbed a trailing stern line from the errant RIB. It was like a man holding a wild animal by the tail. By stemming the progress of the RIB the bow momentarily came to rest on the next yacht GROWLER allowing another person to run to the stern of GROWLER and kill the motor. Fortunately nobody was injured.



PERIL TWO

On Thursday 8th April 2021 LAROS was berthed on the inner pontoon of the walkway along the straits with the stern facing the Paynesville jetty. A large vessel was approaching the outer side of the walkway with the intent of berthing. However, the vessel came nowhere near enough for the lady on deck, high above the water, to get a rope onto a cleat. After a 360 it began its approach again heading straight for the stern of LAROS. Fortunately for me and LAROS the person on the helm veered to port sideswiping the end of the pontoon. The vessel then attempted to berth on the jetty. With much direction and assistance from people on the jetty the vessel was finally secured.

Len Hatfield

Easter at Yarrawonga...

Tom and others...

After the hiatus scourge, 7 hulls and families, the Melbourne Trailable Yacht Club, pitch-poled several adobes at the club. The Thursday night Golf Club dinner brought sunset delights and an encouraging wisp of wind Friday encouraged the fleet to engage the next day.

The regular YYC Community Happy Hour was enjoyed by all with the opportunity to meet & mingle with some of the local community.

A shift in wind between the laying of the Avery Brundage Olympic Course for the Easter Classic & the race start led to a very fast race with 9 reaching legs, in unexpected good breeze. The fleet of 7 boats were all finished within minutes of Silhouette, Skippered by Lloyd Graham who managed to hold out Greg Hall on Viking Express by 7 seconds. Lloyd got the handicap vase

Saturday Night's circus themed entertainment kicked off with an assortment of games and challenges for the kids at Happy Hour. Then following dinner we all assembled in the clubhouse for a raucous evening of games & trivia.

Sunday morning, following a Club Breakfast of Bacon and Egg sandwiches, and a visit from the Easter Bunny, and a quick Race Briefing the Easter Stern Chaser was held. The isobars were eons apart but with ever present optimism the fleet got underway in under 3 knots of wind, with only 3 lucky ones making the tape within the time limit. Adrian Cassar pipped Commodore Doug Whitby in the Sternchaser. The remainder of the fleet saw racing curtailed by a windjammer.

The Recycled Yacht Race of design & make-it-yourself hulls, were assembled ashore, to race across the small lagoon however, flip mistrals jibed a race conclusion, even with the assistance of a leaf blower. The diversity of design and enthusiastic construction meant that although a race winner eluded being crowned, the hilarity of the event more than compensated. As usual the kids presented outstanding recycled yachts that were only missing the fuel to drive them.

In the final results for the weekend.

The Easter Classic

1st Silhouette - Lloyd Graham

2nd Impulse - Marcel Van der Zee

3rd Viking Express - Greg Hall

The Easter Stern Chaser

1st Starry Night - Adrian Cassar

2nd Four Seasons - Doug Whitby

3rd Viking Express - Greg Hall

Monday saw Starry Night and Silhouette depart early on their long adventure north to Queensland to join other MTYC members, while others returned southward. A fortunate few stayed on for 1 extra night before departing for home or other adventures.

It would be remiss not to acknowledge that one of our dearest and most significant contributors to Easter Regattas was sadly absent this year. Sue Graham had prepared a lot of the enter-



tainment for Saturday Nights frivolity. So for many of us the weekend had us reflecting not only on how deeply missed Sue was, but also how warmly loved and remembered She remains.

As always the generous hospitality of Yarrawonga Yacht Club in welcoming MTYC Members & Friends needs to be experienced to be believed.

Easter 2022 is April 15-18, don't just pencil it into your diary grab a pen and ink in your attendance. There is no excuse.

Pics from Adrian for Yarrawonga and one for trip north



The Travels of *Deja Vu*

<https://hotel370.blog/>

Déjà Vu is a Cavalier 37 which Peter and Janet bought several years ago. Since then, they have brought the boat back to a good cruising standard and are enjoying their adventures.

After voyaging in Tassie and then up the East coast, they completed some more boat projects and this year they have again been up the East Coast. *Déjà Vu* has now turned south after reaching points in far north Queensland. Janet has continued to record their adventures in a blog and they are a great read. We have Janet's permission to share their adventures with you.

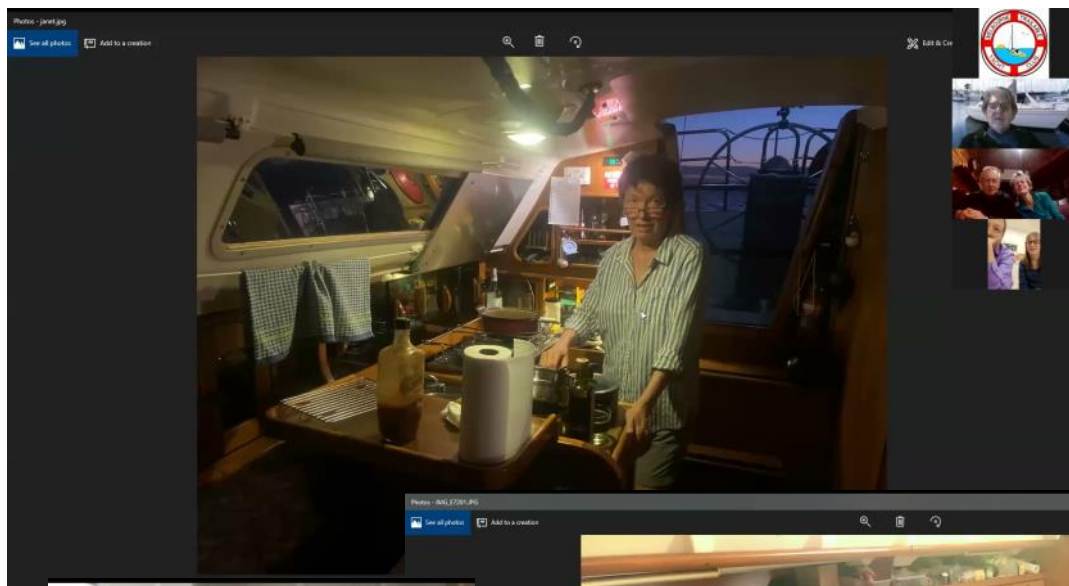
Friday Frothies—Food for Thwart

Keeping ourselves amused while we have been unable to sail because of the covid restrictions has found a group of MTYC members and friends gathering for a Happy Hour on Friday nights at 6pm via Zoom. Various themes have been explored.

Recently we spent the time discussing various adventures and misadventures with virtualising the trips we share in our boats of various sizes and to differing destinations.

On these trips we certainly don't lack food, and in reality, we eat very well.

Let the pictures tell some of the story: Janet cooking dinner on *Déjà Vu* in FNQ while we were all online

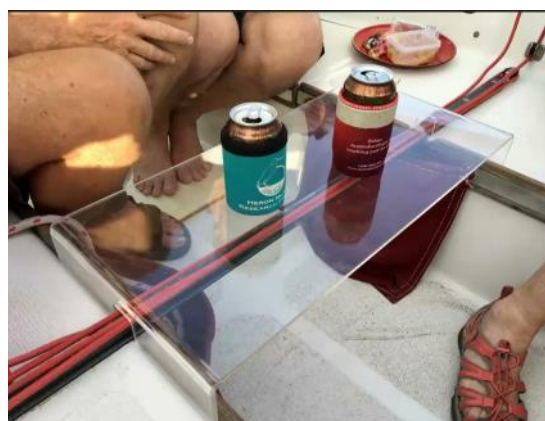


Below:

Tom and Amanda,
with Ruth and Ron,
about to enjoy dinner
while cruising Bass
Strait on *Jessabbe*



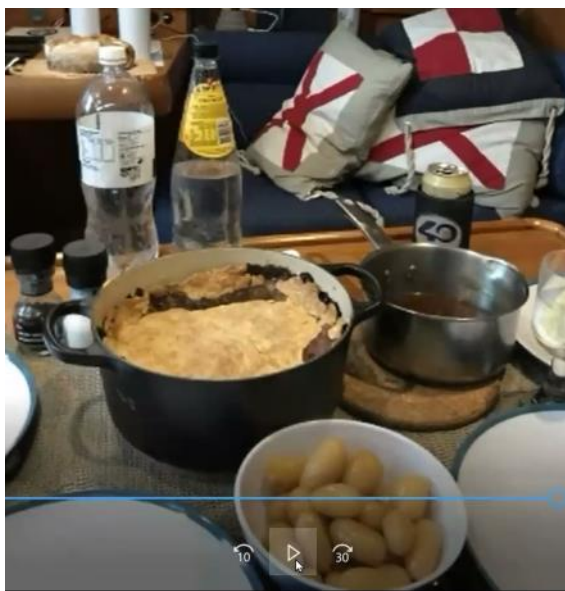
Canned mutton bird—emergency supplies found on Deal Island!



Tom's
cockpit
table
on
Puffin



Roast pork on the Weber



More eating well while cruising in Bass Strait



Prawns—New Year's Day...



Some of the group...



Careful choice of supplies

Making bread...

There were many and varied suggestions for cooking methods and foods to use, including Vacuum seal bags, thermos style cooking, websites all really only limited by personal taste and yacht facilities.

Planning ahead was also important, but the sky is the limit.

Eat well!



One of Tom's standby foods...

Shakedown skills and drills for the start of the season

from Yachting Monthly... link below

After a long break the skipper may need to knock the rust off a few skills, as well as getting the boat working, says James Stevens

Come spring, when most of us start sailing again, we suffer from a bit of skill fade, especially this year after being locked down for so long.

Theory knowledge which was red hot the day we took the test is probably not so near the mark.

Practical skills such as boat handling tend more towards ponderous than slick.

So it's worth starting the season with your own refresher course.

Fortunately some knowledge and skills always stick.



Shakedown skills don't need to be a chore. Some basic manoeuvres will get your crew work going again.
Credit: Graham Snook

See the full article at

<https://www.yachtingmonthly.com/sailing-skills/shakedown-skills-drills-for-the-start-of-the-season-77465>

It is also a good time to catch up on those easily forgotten maintenance tasks.

Is the battery charged?

Have you serviced your lifejackets?

Is the trailer ready to go? Wheel bearings? Brakes?

Is the boat ready to launch?

Does the engine run?

Does the radio work? Etc, etc, etc...

From the MTYC Facebook page...



One day in September

How will we get Alma back in the water?

A lift ship similar to this has been arranged for a day in September. Our barge where Alma has spent the last eight years will be towed downstream, and Alma will be lifted by two cranes and returned to the water.

A hugely exciting moment with lots of work going on in background at present to make it happen. 😊

To find out more, head to:

<https://almodoepelchronicles.wordpress.com/>

From Alex Stroud: 21 September

A good step in the right direction.

[Better Boating Victoria](#) have created a concept drawing of what the Warneet Boating Precinct could look like.

I fully support this and encourage you to also support this, however the jetties must be a priority before the car park and boat ramp are upgraded, there is simply no point in having an upgraded boat ramp and car park if the jetties are inaccessible.

As you know, the jetties have fallen into a state of such disrepair that they are no longer able to be used, whereas the car park & boat ramp are still usable.

I encourage you all to back this plan, however we must have the jetties restored and or replaced as a matter of priority.

We will continue to work closely with all interested parties to ensure funding is allocated to the jetties.

I have scheduled an online meeting this Saturday at 10.30am for those interested to discuss this and share ideas.

I will provide the link on Saturday morning





Melbourne Trailable Yacht Club

2021-2022 Calendar



September

October

November

December

January

February

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		1	2	3	4 Port Melbourne BBQ	5 Father's Day
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18 School Holidays	19 2021 Winter Series
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
4	5	6	7 Twilight Sailing	8	9	10 MTYC SUMMER SERIES Long Course
11	12	13	14 Twilight Sailing	15	16	17
18	19	20	21 Twilight Sailing	22	23	24 MTYC SUMMER SERIES Short Course
25	26	27	28 Twilight Sailing	29	30 Melb. Cup Gippsland Lakes	31 Melb. Cup Gippsland Lakes
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8	9	10	11 Twilight Sailing	12	13 Pelican Race VIC TRAVELLERS SERIES	14
15	16	17	18 Twilight Sailing	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 Twilight Sailing	26	27	28 MTYC SUMMER SERIES Short Course
29	30	1	2 Williamstown & Chip Cruise	3	4 Around Sunday Island Race VIC TRAVELLERS SERIES	5
6	7	8	9	10	11 MTYC Christmas Party	12 MTYC SUMMER SERIES Short Course
13	14	15	16	17 School Holidays	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25 Christmas	26 Boxing Day
27 Gippsland Lakes	28 Gippsland Lakes	29 Gippsland Lakes	30 Gippsland Lakes	31 NYE Gippsland Lakes	1 Gippsland Lakes	2 Gippsland Lakes
3 Gippsland Lakes	4 Gippsland Lakes	5 Gippsland Lakes	6 Gippsland Lakes	7 Gippsland Lakes	8 Gippsland Lakes	9 Gippsland Lakes
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20 Twilight Sailing	21	22	23
24	25	26 Australia Day	27 Twilight Sailing	28	29 Around French Island Race VIC TRAVELLERS SERIES	30
31	1	2	3 Twilight Sailing	4	5 MTYC SUMMER SERIES Long Course St Kilda - Woodham	6 Wynham-St Kilda Cruise
7	8	9	10 Twilight Sailing	11	12	13
14	15	16	17 Twilight Sailing	18	19 Trailable Championships VIC TRAVELLERS SERIES	20 Trailable Championships VIC TRAVELLERS SERIES
21	22	23	24 Twilight Sailing	25	26	27
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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
March		1	2	3 Twilight Sailing	4	5	6
	7	8	9	10 Twilight Sailing	11	12 Marley Point VIC TRAVELLERS SERIES	13 Marley Point VIC TRAVELLERS SERIES
	14 Marley Point VIC TRAVELLERS SERIES	15	16	17 Twilight Sailing	18	19	20
	21	22	23	24 Twilight Sailing	25	26 Women's Regatta	27 Women's Regatta
	28	29	30	31 Twilight Sailing	1	2	3
April	4	5	6	7 Twilight Sailing Dinner	8	9 School Holidays	10
	11	12	13	14	15 Good Friday Yarrawonga	16 Easter Yarrawonga	17 Easter Sunday Yarrawonga
	18 Easter Yarrawonga	19	20	21	22	23	24
	25 Anzac Day	26	27	28	29	30 MTYC 4Points Race VIC TRAVELLERS SERIES	1
	2	3	4	5	6	7 MTYC 4Points Race (Re-Sail)	8 Mother's Day
May	9	10	11	12	13	14	15 MTYC SUMMER SERIES Long Course
	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	23	24	25	26	27	28 MTYC AGM	29 MTYC SUMMER SERIES Short Course
	30	31	1	2	3	4	5
	6	7	8	9	10	11 Refuge Cove	12 Refuge Cove
June	13 Queen's Birthday Refuge Cove	14	15	16	17	18	19 2022 Winter Series
	20	21	22	23	24	25 School Holidays	26
	27	28	29	30	1	2	3
	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	11	12	13	14	15	16	17 2022 Winter Series
July	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	25	26	27	28	29	30 MTYC Annual Dinner & Presentation Night	31
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21 2022 Winter Series
August	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	29	30	31				