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Jenny at the helm during a great spinnaker run. Night Crossing, Refuge trip 2018

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Commodore's Report – June 2018

Following the Annual General Meeting I would like to welcome the 2018-19 Committee. As always the committee works hard to provide a wide variety of Cruising, Racing, and Social events for you the Members. And as we start to prepare the Calendar for next season, your ideas for cruise destinations, or social activities, or racing, or any other suggestions are always greatly appreciated.

As reported at our recent Annual General Meeting your Club is healthy, both in membership, and financially. Over the last year we've held many social events, cruises, and four club race series (Winter Series, Summer Long Course Series, Summer Short Course Series & Women's Sailing) as well as hosting two of the Trailable Yacht Division Traveller Series events. First we hosted the 2018 Victorian Trailable Yacht & Sportsboat Championships in association with Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron. Then the 7th Edition of our Four Points Race was the final heat of the Traveller Series.

There have been a couple of changes to your Committee – After 10 years in the Treasurer's role Jan Reeves has stepped down. I promised Jan we wouldn't make a fuss over this, so we won't. We will simply acknowledge the absolute mountain of work she did, maintaining and managing membership records, insurance renewals, our finances, and how brilliantly it was accomplished. Lloyd Graham will resume the role of Treasurer, after handing it to Jan 10 years ago! Vikki Grimley has also joined the committee.

It has been a busy couple of months so working in chronological order....

30th March-2nd April Easter Regatta at Yarrawonga Yacht Club

This Year marked the 40th MTYC Easter at Yarrawonga Yacht Club, 9 club boats enjoyed the outstanding hospitality at YYC

21st April Four Points Race

As I stated earlier this was the 7th edition of our race. On a day forecast to be light, a fleet of 39 started in extremely light & challenging conditions. Again we were well supported by our sponsors; Blackburn South Community Bank Branch Bendigo Bank, Ronstan and

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Denso. Kyle Fortune from Denso attended the briefing & watched the starts from the RMYS tower. RMYS also provided fantastic support & hospitality again this year.

6th May Women's Sailing Series

It was decided to re-sail the postponed second heat of the Women's Sailing Series in place of the scheduled Summer Short Course Series race on this Sunday to ensure the Women's Series had a full 3 race competition.

12th May Bay & Winery Cruise

20 members enjoyed a cruise down the bay aboard the Portarlington ferry followed by a bus tour to a cider brewery and a winery that included lunch.

26th May Docklands Cruise & AGM

3 boats cruised up the river to Docklands to join fellow members or our AGM that was followed by a delicious pot luck casserole dinner.

9th-11th June Refuge Cove Cruise

A fleet of 12 boats cruised from Port Welshpool to Refuge Cove on Wilsons Promontory's east coast Over the Queen's Birthday weekend

17th June Winter Series

Unfortunately, the weather forecast meant that the first 2 heats of the Winter Series were abandoned.

Looking forward, upcoming events include the remaining Winter Series races. As in previous years these are on the 3rd Sunday of July, August, and September. Also in partnership with the Sonata Yacht Association of Victoria, the Winter Sailing Seminars are back. And don't forget to save the date for the Annual Dinner on 28th July – at the Rising Sun Hotel, South Melbourne.

Doug Whitby



MTYC Bay Cruise & Winery Tour

May twelfth saw eighteen MTYC members and friends meet at the Port Phillip Ferry terminal at Victoria Esplanade, Docklands, dressed in warm jackets and scarves ready to board the 11.00 am ferry to Portarlington in windy but fine conditions.

Our cruise out of the city was in sunshine with most of us deciding to sit outside at the rear of the vessel protected from the breeze, to enjoy the sights.



As we left the city behind, cruising through the dock area we enjoyed calm water at a leisurely pace, enjoying catching up with fellow members.

Reaching the choppy Bay, our Captain picked up speed, Lloyd reporting 25 knots on his gps, and the spray caught a few passengers unawares as they stood too near the railing!



Disembarking at Portarlington, we travelled under cloudy skies in a mini bus to the premises of the “Flying Brick Cider Company” where we were greeted by an enthusiastic young man who proceeded to explain the different ciders on offer, all brewed from fresh fruit. We were provided with tastings of each in a welcoming warm venue overlooking the surrounding countryside. It was now well past lunch time for most of us, so as we moved from the cider tasting to the wines of the “Yes said the Seal” estate some of us were starting to feel a bit light headed!!



At 2.00pm we piled back into our mini bus and travelled the short distance to the Laura Park Estate restaurant where we were seated at a long table to be served a lunch of gourmet pizzas. They were many and varied and kept coming until we could not eat another thing but we all felt better for being fed and they were truly delicious!



Leaving the restaurant table we meandered out to the wine tasting area where the waitress seemed too busy to want to provide any information or tastings, so we quickly lost interest returning happily to our tour guide waiting for us in the mini bus for our short journey back to the ferry terminal.



Arriving at the terminal we said our goodbyes and thank yous as we pulled on our jackets and hoods and made our way down the jetty in the misty rain ready to board the warm ferry for our return cruise.

We all enjoyed the cruise home in the warmth of the cabin Thank you Dennis for organising a very enjoyable day!

Anne Holligan



Refuge Cove June 2018



Twelve yachts of various types and sizes attended the Queen's B'day cruise to Refuge Cove with most arriving during the Friday afternoon or evening. Those early enough headed off to the pub for a drop or two, a chat and nice hot meals.

The weather forecast Saturday morning was favourable with light winds predicted so the decision was made to go. Rigging and launching took place in between coffee runs to the local shop and breaky. All the while hoping the dark cloud hovering on the horizon would blow away. It didn't, so some delayed departure until the front and brief shower passed.

During launching Leo committed his first "Oops" moment. I asked if he wanted a hand to launch and he said, "Yes. Grab this rope Alex." Hmm was this a case of extreme chivalry or risk taking behaviour?

But wait there's more! Rampage tied up next to Silhouette on the jetty, and so we swung together, the sterns were tied. Suddenly someone called out, "Sue, you better go to your boat." The bow line on Rampage had come loose and it was trying to float away on the outgoing tide. Save only by the stern line to Silhouette. Who tied the bow line you might ask? Oops, it wasn't the crew.

Once the cloud cleared we all headed off down the channel. Most motor sailed as the wing was pretty light and we wanted to get to Refuge before it got cold and dark. As it was, we arrived mid-afternoon

with no drama on the sandbars. A few were lucky enough to encounter some penguins and a sealed waved to us as we went by.

After anchoring in crystal clear water boot camp started. It was time for dinghy inflation. Very good work out for the calves and quads. Adrian did twice as much work as me due to a hole in his pump.

We voted on a 1600 start to happy hour and gathered on the beach to catch up with old friends and meet new ones. As usual too much food but the trip back in the dinghies resulted in all being cautious about the amount of grog drunk. Safety first and we all wore lifejackets in the dinghies.

After dinner people gathered on various boats for tall stories (ask Stephen about the dog wash if you want a good laugh) and to check out inventions – very impressed to see smoke coming from the heater flue on Puwina. Peter, expect a few orders!

I tucked into bed quite late and was very grateful for my hot water bottle. Seriously Lloyd, why don't we have a heater?

After breakfast and a bit of pottering around everyone gathered on the beach for the walk to Kersop's Peak. It was quite sunny and little wind, so very pleasant. We paused for the obligatory group photos from "the rock", with the boats bobbing on gorgeous aqua water in the background. A view hard to beat.

We continued onward and upward along lovely bush tracks to reach the peak. The rock "seats" were a tad cold at the top but did make a nice stop for lunch before heading down. The rest of the afternoon was spent mucking around as yachties do. Some took the dinghies for a motor around the cove and out the entrance. Who ran out of fuel just outside the cove? Leo? The "Oops" trifecta and only day 2!

Later in the day a few of doubtful sanity went for a

swim. I know, the water looked beautiful. But it sure was cold! And another early happy hour followed by dinner and more inter-boat socialising.

It was an early start for some us as we had to get back early, so boats headed off from 0700 on. Drifting along in Silhouette, we witnessed a wonderful sunrise.

Again the light winds made for easy sailing and a bit of motoring when we got too slow. Silhouette was treated to a spectacular display of frolicking dolphins on the return trip. They had been in a feeding frenzy along with seagulls galore, but broke away to play in our bow wave for a good 10 minutes. Such a special moment.

All up it was a great weekend and thanks to everyone who made it such fun.

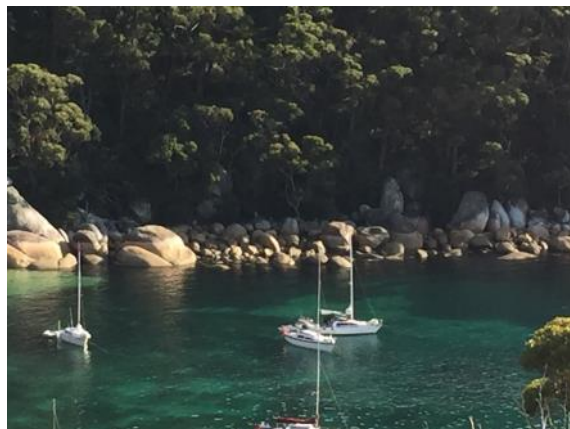
Dragonfly	Farr 7.5	Rob and Jenny, Gordon and Itsu
Laros	Ultimate 18	Len and Alex
Mad Mouse	Castle 650	Stephen and Helen
Melinda	Sunmaid 20	Tony and Nick
Night Crossing	Noelex 25	Adrian and Vicky
No Excuses	Noelex 25	Mark and John
O'Really 11	Noelex 25	Sue and Dennis
Puffin	Noelex 25	Amanda and Tom
Puwina	RL28	Peter and Lisa
Rampage	Seaway 25	Leo, Buzz and Bill
Sandy Dream	Adventure 22	Sandy and Melissa
Silhouette	RL28	Sue and Lloyd

Sue Graham - Silhouette



Great sailing, great weather, great company and magnificent destination. A first time for me and the conditions were perfect. Two and a half litres of fuel out bound, four litres on return.

Cheers, Len Hatfield, *Laros*





How does your Cat 5 shape up?

Last year I went and played with the big boats for a bit, joining the ORCV's Beyond the Bay Seminar. It was extremely interesting.

The idea is to encourage people who only race around the bouys to consider what they would need to do to venture further and use their boats to their potential. Of course it is aimed at keelboats and there was some jollity when I was identified as the skipper of a Noelex 25!

But within the bay, the trailabe would mostly stack up.

The emphasis in this course is very much on safety, and skilling up so that you are confident of what you are doing whatever happens. To this end, those safety declarations we all fill in become very important—as they should be.

So as we are in the middle of winter, with some nice sailing weather coming back soon—I hope—what are some areas to look at while you have the time???

Are all those heavy items in the boat secure? Are the batteries, fuel tank and porta potty tied down?

If your boat was to broach, or worse, would all the stuff you have on board stay in it's shelf/locker, under seat storage? Or would you be picking up all manner of mess from the cabin sole?

Does your radio work? Have you checked all the wiring including the aerial fittings? If you have a handheld, is it charged?

Are all the nav lights working? Do you have a steaming light?

Have you serviced all your PFDs according to the manufacturers instructions? Even if you are checked by Coast Guard or Water Police they will want to see evidence of this!

These are only a few of the safety items that we were asked to consider. The course covered weather, trip planning, watch keeping, provisioning, using the radio and lots more, and gave me some food for thought as I scrutinise what I have on board and how it is stowed and used.

But for now, check out the radio and lights, and those heavy items and locker lids, for a start...

Marg Goddard