

# JIB SHEETS



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MTYC OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER

## MELBOURNE TRAILABLE YACHT CLUB

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Twilight racing at its best – Night Crossing, Farr Affair and Tanina along with Tainui (Ron took the photo) raced like this for the entire downwind leg

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Calendar –The next few months			
	Date	MTYC Events	Location or Starting Point
NOV	Thur 13	Twilight Race	Blown Out
	Sat 15	BBQ	Cancelled
	Thur 20	Twilight Race	St Kilda Marina - Briefing 5:45pm, Start 6:00pm
	Sun 23	Summer Series Race 3 – 1 heat	St Kilda Marina - Briefing 9:45am, Start 11:00am
	Thur 27	Twilight Race	St Kilda Marina - Briefing 5:45pm, Start 6:00pm
DEC	Thur 4	Twilight Race	St Kilda Marina - Briefing 5:45pm, Start 6:00pm
	Sun 7	Summer Series Race 4 – 2 heat2	St Kilda Marina - Briefing 9:45am, Start 11:00am
	Thur 11	Twilight Race	St Kilda Marina - Briefing 5:45pm, Start 6:00pm
	Sat 13	Xmas Party	Hobson's Bay Yacht Club
	Thur 18	Twilight Fish & Chips Run to Williamstown	St Kilda Marina – Leave 6:00pm
	Fri 19	Xmas Drinks – Yarra Riverboat	Southbank at 8:00pm
	Sun 21	Santa's Stern Chaser	St Kilda Marina - Briefing 9:45am, Start 11:00am
	Although not a MTYC event –many Members Cruise the Gippsland Lakes over the Xmas break and usually meet up on New Year's Eve		
JAN	Thur 15	Twilight Race	St Kilda Marina - Briefing 5:45pm, Start 6:00pm
	Sun 18	Passage Race	St Kilda Marina - Briefing 9:45am, Start 11:00am
	Thur 22	Twilight Race	St Kilda Marina - Briefing 5:45pm, Start 6:00pm
	Sat 24 - Mon 26	Corio Bay Cruise	
	Thur 29	Twilight Race	St Kilda Marina - Briefing 5:45pm, Start 6:00pm

## Commodore's Corner

Since our last newsletter, we have been busy on the water and successfully held 2 race days, commenced the twilight season and held the seasons opening BBQ at the Coast Guard.

The Commodores cup was held in day of light breezes, with a fleet of 7 starters. It turned out to be a long day, with the fleet sailing time of between 3 & ½ hrs to 4hrs, even with the last leg to 79 dropped off. The Commodore yacht Colduck didn't hold up to the commodores cup expectation, and sailed a shocker, by sailing in some large holes and a huge knock, and for the first 2 hrs was last on the water. A day to forget, however congratulations to Mark in his Castle 650, No Excuses, for his PHS & CBH double win. The results are elsewhere in the newsletter.

The race was followed by a nice after race BBQ on the Coast Guard deck, to celebrate the opening of the season and the first day of daylight savings.

The twilight Thursday evening races have now also commenced on Thursday the 16<sup>th</sup> of October and strong fleet sizes of around 8 to 10 have again turned out for the first 4 races.

The 1<sup>st</sup> of the summer race days was held on the 19<sup>th</sup> of October, with 9 starters racing and 1 yacht tagging along but being unable to compete due to crew shortages. The breeze was in the 15 to 20 kts range, ensuring fast close racing over the 2 short races. The RLs Colduck & The Sting had close racing all day with 1 line honours win each. Liaison & Tainui also had a close race throughout the day. Some fast spinnaker reaches were experienced with Colduck topping 9.6 kts, only to be beaten by the The Sting who claimed 11.2kts maximum, according to his log. Both crews will have fond memories of the day as we were certainly flying along, only meters apart. The results for the day are enclosed elsewhere in the newsletter.

Cup weekend saw six MTYC boats plus one of the Thursday night sailors turn up at Paynesville for the Gippsland Lakes Melbourne Cup weekend cruise. Keep safe and enjoy your sailing over the next few weeks.

### Geoff Onions

Editor's Note: The late printing of this newsletter has made some of Geoff's comments a little dated – the responsibility is mine – Phil Monk

**MTYC Christmas Party  
see page 5**

**Category 5 Safety Declarations** must be made and given to our Safety Facilitator, Alistair Owens, before you race in the Summer Racing Season or Twilight Series. The declaration forms for 2008–09 are now available for downloading from the YV web site.

Complete the Declaration is completed you can purchase a Cat 5 sticker for \$2 from Alistair Owens on 9587 3432.

## Goulburn River Wineries Cruise

### 11 and 12 October

The Winery Cruise was cancelled as only two boats had indicated that they were attending. Of course after the cancellation several Members expressed their disappointment saying that they were looking forward to the cruise.

## A Note on Cruises

If you are intending to take part in a Club cruise, please contact the nominated club member to let them know. We need at least a rough idea of who will be there so we know :

1. Whether there are enough participants to run the event
2. Who to call if weather conditions cause a late cancellation.
3. Who to expect and perhaps wait for, at the starting point.

## Racing and Radios

The last Triangle Series race saw two boats awarded a DNS (did not start) because they did not complete their radio check. In fact they could not because they did not have functioning radios.

While this may seem a little heavy handed there are good reasons for the requirement to have a working radio for Club races.

MTYC is required to conduct races under the Racing Rules of Sailing. This requires all boats racing to complete a Declaration of Compliance and Safety Equipment Check List that their boat meets Category 5 of the Safety Requirements.

One of those category 5 requirements is to have a functioning 27 MHz or VHF radio.

More importantly, the Club sees that in lieu of a crash or rescue boat it is important that all boats can communicate with each other by radio to create a Club safety network and also to be able to call marine authorities for help if required

At the most recent meeting, the Committee reconsidered this issue and agreed that although the Club did not want to deter new sailors from taking part because they did not have a radio, it would be irresponsible to ignore the safety issues and the racing rules and allow boats to race without a radio,

## 27 MHz or VHF?

### A Change of Policy

The choice between a 27 MHz radio and a VHF radio is an issue that has been raised many times before. Until now MTYC has specified that a 27 Mhz Marine radio must be used.

At the last Committee meeting, this was discussed and a number of issues were considered.

- With the conditions on Sunday being great for sailing and perfect for fishing, the radio traffic on the 27 MHz radio was unceasing. We were "treated" to kids chatting, foul language, idiots playing music including the entire theme from Gilligan's Island, racial abuse, foul language, fisherman exchanging social and fishing information with more foul language. There was very little genuine radio traffic. It was difficult to complete the radio checks between the rubbish on the radio. This is becoming more and more frequently the case.
- No safety organisations are now officially monitoring the 27 Mhz band. Relying on the 27 MHz for a genuine emergency call would be very chancy. VHF is monitored by the Coast Guard, Melbourne Radio and the Water Police, as well as many other serious boat users.
- The Rules of Racing specify either a 27 MHz or VHF radio.
- VHF radios are far cheaper than they were a few years ago even allowing for the need for an Operators Licence.
- Many Club Members now have a VHF licence following the successful course run by the Club last year.
- Many Club boats already have a VHF radio.
- There is virtually no chit-chat on VHF.

- Reception is clearer and coverage is greater on VHF.

Given all these factors, the Committee decided to change the Notice of Race for the remaining Twilight Series and Summer Triangle Series and will alter the relevant Sailing Instructions, effective before the next race, to allow for the use of either 27 MHz or VHF radios in MTYC races.

This will allow those that do not have a radio to consider buying a VHF rather than a 27 MHz. Apologies to Martin Culkin who has just replaced his 27 MHz radio.

## St Kilda Marina trailer parking tokens

MTYC has made a special arrangement with the management of the Marina to bulk purchase trailer park gate tokens at half price. This is on the understanding that Members need to enter the trailer parking area twice - once after launching and again after retrieval. Marina management expects that MTYC boats will rig in the ramp approach lane and use the two tokens after launching and after retrieval. Members are requested not to abuse this privilege by unrigging outside the trailer park.

Tokens can be purchased at 2 tokens for \$10 from Geoff Onions on race days.

## The BBQ scheduled for 15 November has been cancelled.

### Don't Miss

Remaining in 2008 we have:

- 4 Twilight Races plus the Fish and Chip run
- 2 Summer Triangle Races plus Santa's Stern Chaser
- The Christmas Party
- The Christmas Drinks River Cruise
- New Year's Eve at Raymond Island

These are all listed in the calendar and further details will be found in either this newsletter or the Nov/Dec edition



Melbourne Trailable Yacht Club  
**Christmas Party**  
**Saturday 13 December**  
**Hobson's Bay Yacht Club**

268 Nelson Place  
Williamstown

Starts 6:30pm

All drinks must be bought at the fully stocked bar  
(at very reasonable prices)

**BYO Food to barbeque**

- ❖ Bring a salad and desert to share
- ❖ Bring your family and your crew
- ❖ Bring something to add to the Christmas Hamper which will be raffled during the night.
- ❖ Bring some cash to buy raffle tickets

BBQ and kitchen facilities including crockery and cutlery are available for our use  
as long as we clean up afterwards

Please let Adrian or Alison Cassar know if you are coming.

Phone: 9578 1473

Parking on The Strand is free and has no time restrictions.  
Parking is also available a little later without restrictions on  
Ferguson St.





# Christmas drinks on Yarra

Cruising on the MV Grower



Friday 19 Dec

Leaving 8:00pm for a 2 hour cruise

Departure point yet to be determined depending on the tides

\$20 per head

BYO Drinks and Finger food to share

Call Ron Parker on 9527 8310 to reserve your place

5 October

## Commodore's Cup Results

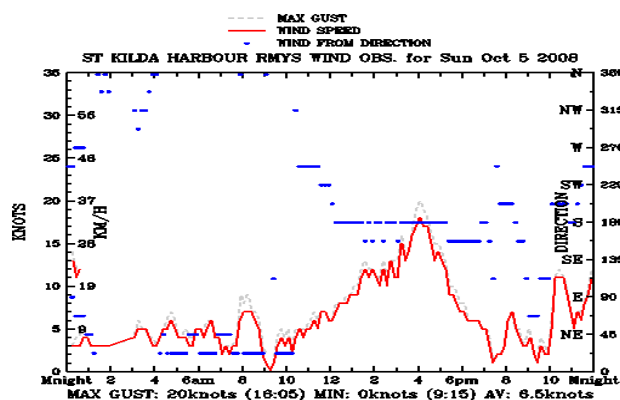
Seven boats turned up to race and it was also good to see Andrew Johnson back on the water after his dismasting earlier in the year.

The forecast was for northerlies to 10 knots in the morning swinging around to the south in the afternoon at up to 10 knots.

In reality, the only northerly we saw was when the Commodore chose the course at the briefing. By the time we reached the start line the wind had swung to the south and stayed there all afternoon. It was a perfect day for a season start. The wind started at around 5 knots and steadily increased to around 15 knots by the end of the race. The sun was out, the sky was blue, the waves were small.

### COMMODORES CUP - CBH RESULT

Boat Name	Skipper	Type	CBH	Start	Finish	ELAP	CORR TIME	Place
No Excuses	Mark McLellan	Castle 650	0.725	11:15:00	14:49:07	3:34:07	2:35:14	1
Tainui	Ron Parker, Ruth Eaton	Noalex 25	0.725	11:15:00	14:53:52	3:38:52	2:38:41	2
Liaison	Adrian Cassar	RL24 D	0.760	11:15:00	14:47:24	3:32:24	2:41:25	3
Taipan	Merv Murphy	Hartley 24	0.650	11:00:00	15:08:58	4:08:58	2:41:50	4
Freedom	Morgan Fisk	Swarbrick 20	0.660	11:00:00	15:05:55	4:05:55	2:42:18	5
Monkey Business	Phil Monk	Farr 6000	0.640	11:00:00	15:15:41	4:15:41	2:43:38	6
Colduck	Geoff Onions	RL24 D	0.760	11:15:00	14:55:14	3:40:14	2:47:23	7



## Summer Triangle Series 19 October - Race -1

### Heat 1 - PHC

Boat Name	PHC	ELAP	CORR	Place	Boat Name	ELAP	CORR	Place
Colduck	0.726	1:27:57	1:03:50	1	Taipan	1:35:00	1:00:30	1
Night Crossing	0.655	1:41:17	1:06:21	2	Colduck	1:23:26	1:00:33	2
Tainui	0.724	1:32:10	1:06:42	3	The Sting	1:20:50	1:01:22	3
Taipan	0.637	1:45:21	1:07:06	4	Tainui	1:26:15	1:02:25	4
Farr Affair	0.676	1:39:34	1:07:16	5	Farr Affair	1:33:42	1:03:18	5
The Sting	0.759	1:30:09	1:08:26	6	Liaison	1:28:34	1:05:19	6
Liaison	0.737	1:33:25	1:08:53	7	UnFarrGetable	1:36:15	1:05:39	7
UnFarrGetable	0.682	1:44:10	1:11:03	8	Sadagarous	1:39:17	1:08:49	8
Sadagarous	0.693	1:48:00	1:14:52	9	Night Crossing	DNF	DNF	9
Tanina	0.698	DNS	DNS	DNS	Tanina	DNS	DNS	DNS

### Heat 2- PHC

### Combined -Results PHC

Boat Name	Skipper	Type	Place Race 1	Place Race 2	Combined points	PHC Total Corrected	Overall Place
Colduck	Geoff Onions	RL24 D	1	2	3	2:04:23	1
Taipan	Merv Murphy	Hartley 24	4	1	5	2:07:36	2
Tainui	Ron Parker, Ruth Eaton	Noelex 25	3	4	7	2:09:07	3
The Sting	Lloyd Graham	RL24 D	6	3	9	2:09:48	4
Farr Affair	Martin Culkin	Farr 7500	5	5	10	2:10:34	5
Night Crossing	Peter Gheller	Noelex 25	2	9	11	N/A	6
Liaison	Adrian Cassar	RL24 D	7	6	13	2:14:12	7
UnFarrGetable	Andrew Johnston	Farr 7500	8	7	15	2:16:41	8
Sadagarous	Alistair Owens	Seaway 787	9	8	17	2:23:41	9
Tanina	Roger Summerfield	Sonata 8	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS

### Heat 1 - CBH

Boat Name	CBH	CORR TIME	Place	Boat Name	CORR TIME	Place
Tainui	0.725	1:06:49	1	The Sting	1:01:26	1
Colduck	0.760	1:06:51	2	Taipan	1:01:45	2
Taipan	0.650	1:08:29	3	Tainui	1:02:32	3
The Sting	0.760	1:08:31	4	Colduck	1:03:25	4
Farr Affair	0.700	1:09:42	5	Farr Affair	1:05:35	5
Liaison	0.760	1:11:00	6	Liaison	1:07:19	6
UnFarrGetable	0.700	1:12:55	7	UnFarrGetable	1:07:23	7
Night Crossing	0.725	1:13:26	8	Sadagarous	1:11:59	8
Sadagarous	0.725	1:18:18	9	Night Crossing	DNF	9
Tanina	DNS	DNS	DNS	Tanina	DNS	DNS

### Heat 2 - CBH

### Combined Results - CBH

Boat Name	Skipper	Type	Place Race 1	Place Race 2	Combined Places	Combined Corr Time	PLACE
Tainui	Ron Parker, Ruth Eaton	Noelex 25	1	3	4	2:09:21	1
The Sting	Lloyd Graham	RL24 D	4	1	5	2:09:57	2
Taipan	Merv Murphy	Hartley 24	3	2	5	2:10:14	3
Colduck	Geoff Onions	RL24 D	2	4	6	2:10:15	4
Farr Affair	Martin Culkin	Farr 7500	5	5	10	2:15:17	5
Liaison	Adrian Cassar	RL24 D	6	6	12	2:18:18	6
UnFarrGetable	Andrew Johnston	Farr 7500	7	7	14	2:20:18	7
Sadagarous	Alistair Owens	Seaway 787	9	8	17	2:30:17	8
Night Crossing	Peter Gheller	Noelex 25	8	9	17	N/A	9
Tanina	Roger Summerfield	Sonata 8	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS



*Tainui and Liaison just behind No Excuses*

*Liaison gets ahead of No Excuses*



Mark McLellan on his Castle 650 *No Excuses* took these pictures during one of the Winter races. Unfortunately Mark now has a good excuse for not sailing having broken 3 fingers playing footy.