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FROM THE COMMODORE

It has been a busy and successful summer for Sandringham Yacht Club

On the water our keelboat racers have made us proud.

Pacemaker is now the J24 National Champion and *Intrusion* is the State S80 Champion.

Our dinghy sailors have also had successes, Cath makes mention of those in her report, but a special well done to *Samaran* who is the National Cadet Champion.

Special mention should also be made of *Scarlet Runner* and *Terra Firma*. They came first and second respectively in IROCI division and IRC 1 division in the Sydney to Hobart Race. Our 'celebrate success' drinks was well attended and it was great to see so many sailors enjoying each other's achievements.

Our new committee boat has had a good workout over the summer running the Farr 40 Championships, the Bic Championships the 49er State championships as well as Club races. The comments from Race management have been positive - well done to the selection team for choosing such a great boat! There are still modifications to be carried out so a great boat will be even better.

Off the Water events have been a great success too.

45 turned up for the inaugural bike ride. The Club put on bacon and egg rolls for the riders and \$410 raised for Luke Mathews - what great Club spirit!

Look out for the 3 Tenors lunch at the end of May... it looks like a fantastic event.

Our community involvement has been strong over the summer and I would like to give special mention to the *Sailors with Disabilities* who ran a program from Sandy in March. I have so much admiration for the program - it is so hands on and so effective. It is a goal of SWD to have a full time presence in Melbourne and their preferred base is SYC. Fundraising to purchase a suitable boat is underway and they estimate they will need up to 100 volunteers who would be prepared to sail the boat and help with the guests now and again. If you are interested please speak to me.

Rob Davis, Richard Hewett, Chris Carlile and Kevin Wood represented Sandringham at the ICYOC conference in New Zealand in February and once again it was obvious how much being part of such a prestigious group benefits us - not just because of the reciprocal Club benefits but also the airing of shared problems and hearing other Clubs' innovative solutions.

Our OGM in March was well attended. For those not there the presenters gave a great account of how the Club is faring. It was good news stories all around but there was one theme among all the presenters - "members please tell us what you want!"

Members are the most important element of our Club - we do need to know what you think!

Happy Sailing and enjoy your Club.

KATE MITCHELL
Commodore



OFF THE BEACH UPDATE

With National championships behind many of our sailors, the second half of the OTB sailing series has continued to see Sunday fleets of between 30 and 40 boats and close competition on the water. Off the water, the highlight for many was the annual OTB campout held over the weekend of the 8-9th February. With the theme 'Out of This World', the program devised and led by our Junior Club Captains Ashley Cavanagh and Julian Sasson kept all participants busy, with a great deal of fun had by all. Thanks must go to Julian and Ashley, as well as their parents Leora, Terry, Marija and David, for their hard work in organizing this great event and making sure we were all well fed! A highlight of this years' campout was the Junjor Sailors Forum held on the Saturday evening by the Junior captains, to provide an opportunity for our junior sailors to put forward their ideas as to how the SYC OTB program can best cater for their needs. We look forward to a presentation of these ideas from Julian and Ashley at the April OTB committee meeting. Sunday 9th February was the scheduled date for the International Cadet Crews race for the Bacardi Trophy, but an early morning change saw tents blown away and a wise decision to postpone this race. The event was finally sailed on Sunday 15th March, with Natalie Coman in first place skippering 'Longreach', followed by Max Blyth 'Pelorus Jack' in second place and Eliza Davis 'Dirty Harry' in third place.

SYC hosted the State Championships for the 420s and 29ers over the Labour Day weekend, with Steve Aulich as Race Officer and a wonderful team of volunteers supporting these two classes to ensure another terrific regatta. We have had great feedback from participants and supporters alike, and thanks must go to all volunteers and SYC staff who assisted to make this event such a success. Glenn Taylor was the Race Officer for the International Cadet State Championships, hosted by Royal Yacht Club of Victoria on the same weekend- thank you also to Glenn.

In addition to these two events there have been numerous state titles held around Victoria, and once again our SYC sailors have represented our club proudly and with great success. Notable results are summarized below:

O'pen Bic Victorian Championships- hosted by RGYC, 21st – 22nd February

2nd: Lachie Hartnett 'Sea U Later Oar'

3rd: Lachlan Hughes

4th: Jack Challands 'Illusion'

6th: Patrick Distefano 'Sloth Express'

International Optimist Victorian State Championships, hosted by BRYC/BYC 7th- 9th March

Open Fleet

5th: Nick Joel (3rd Victorian sailor)



Intermediate Fleet

7th: Matty Goss (6th Victorian sailor)

Green Fleet

7th: Linden Wareing 'Norrie'

8th: Jackson Crawshaw 'Bloke on the Water'

International Cadet Victorian Championships- hosted by RYCV 7th- 9th March

1st: Julian Sasson & Mischa Suda 'Samaran'

7th: Lachlan Coman & Natalie Coman 'Longreach'

8th: Jack Furey & Max Blyth 'Pelorus Jack'

10th: Beatrice Hart & Thomas Meldrum 'Hullaballoo'

29er State Championships- hosted by SYC 7th – 9th March

1st: Harrison Sly & Tom Dwyer 'Havachat'

5th: Nicola Armstrong & Liam Robinson 'Fightissima'

420 State Championships- hosted by SYC 7 – 9th March

1st: Nicholas Sharman & James Grogan 'Azzurra'

3rd: Hugo Llewellyn & Jasper Pluim 'Hooligan'

6th: Caroline Brown & Jack Purcell 'Living the Dream'

Tasar State Championships- hosted by SBSC 7th – 9th March

1st: Peter Ellis & Charlotte Birbeck 'Positively Undecided'

2nd: Paul & Bronwyn Ridgway 'Ridgididge'

4th: Heather McFarlane & Chris Payne 'SMAC'

5th: Michah Shuwalow & Nathan Goss 'Pocket Rocket'

6th: Chris & Mandy Green 'On Edge'

Congratulations to all of these sailors on your great achievements, and to all other participants in these events for representing SYC so well.

The 54th annual SYC OTB migration to Metung for the Easter regatta saw over one hundred SYC sailors and supporters take part in this wonderful tradition. It was a fantastic weekend with perfect sailing conditions and great hospitality and friendship from Metung Yacht Club. Particular thanks must go to Race Officers Philip Strong (SYC) and Damian Daniels (MYC). Presentation Night in June looms ahead with our Junior Captains no doubt devising another wonderful night of fun and celebration.

Thank you once again to all of our dedicated volunteers and sailors whose participation and support make my role such a rewarding and pleasurable one.

CATHRYN FUREY
Club Captain Off The Beach



RECREATIONAL BOATING UPDATE

Hello to all Sandringham Yacht Club (SYC) members and in particular those with interests in the recreational boating part of the Club.

So much has happened in the past few months starting with the annual Recreational Boating Christmas BBQ which was held in the under croft on a stormy Wednesday evening last December. The feedback received on the new location was very positive and we will look at making this a permanent venue for the BBQ in future. We had great numbers to this event with 200 members attending (including Commodore Kate Mitchell). It was a relaxed and easy-going night which included a raffle and significant amounts of Christmas cheer shared.

This year's Raft Up Picnic on Saturday 10 January saw a group of boats including Endeavour IV moored to the new wave attenuation pontoon at RMYS. The skippers who decided to take their chances with the weather were rewarded with light winds and dry conditions and were even entertained by a couple of wandering minstrels.

The Guest Speaker Night on Wednesday 11 February with Peter Lees entitled 'Exploring the Islands of Eastern Bass Strait' was very well attended with 120 people enjoying an entertaining presentation and Q&A session. These nights are becoming so popular we will be holding them in future in the Port Phillip room when it is available.

The SYC Cup navigation rally was held on Sunday 22 February and once again congratulations went to RVMYC for taking out first place. SYC was well represented making up nine of the 16 boats entered, the best being David McCutcheon who came in a very respectable fourth overall.

On the evening of Saturday 7 March 50 friends from 22 boats enjoyed some well-earned refreshments at Martha Cove after taking part in the Investigator Family Fun cruise. 10 boats then continued on to Westernport on the Monday for the longer cruise in company, heading for Flinders, where the Commodore of the Flinders Yacht Club, Rod and his wife Sue kindly shuttled those who did not wish to climb the hill by foot to the Flinders Hotel for dinner. The next day the fleet made its way up Hanns Inlet to be greeted by the personnel at HMAS Cerberus, and invited to dinner in the Ward Room. Next morning we were given a guided tour of the base and museum and even scored a ride in one of the new Hamilton Jet RIBs. Our final destination in Westernport was Yaringa Harbour and on arrival we were invited for drinks and canapés on the balcony before enjoying a wonderful meal in the restaurant. Friday 13 had the fleet returning to QCYC and home over the weekend.

The SYC Fishing Challenge and BBQ was held on Sunday 22 March. Only a small number of fish were caught but everyone agreed that it was worth just being on the water on such a stunning late summer morning.



The last event to take place before putting pen to paper was the Docklands cruise in company and Yarra river dinner cruise on Saturday 28 March. SYC was the first Club to fully book out Melbourne City Marina's 28 berths and after the wonderful dinner cruise up the Yarra (watch your head on those bridges) we took full advantage of the exclusive use of their new lounge facilities. The weather was pleasant over the entire weekend and thanks to Matt and his staff for putting on a bang up breakfast out on the sunny balcony the next morning.

We have many more events planned for this year, the next one being a cruise in company to RMYS on Saturday 2 May, so please check out our website, eNews bulletins and notice boards or simply ask any Recreational Boating committee members and myself for more details, and come along and join us.

MAL BILLINGS

Club Captain Recreational Boating

SAIL UPDATE

Hello all sailors,

It has been a busy Sailing season to date, at the time of writing this In and Around edition we have just completed the final races of our summer series the Mercedes-Benz Brighton Saturday Aggregate series race, Mercedes-Benz Brighton Thursday Twilights, Mercedes-Benz Brighton Wednesday Wonders and Mercedes-Benz Brighton Sunday Sailors series with provisional results for these events posted on our SYC website.

Unfortunately recent Mercedes-Benz Brighton Saturday Aggregate races and Mercedes-Benz Brighton Thursday Twilight races have been abandoned due to lack of wind or too much wind which was disappointing for all competitors, the decision to abandon racing is a very hard one for our race management team. SYC is very lucky to have experienced race management personnel who will always endeavour to run a fair race for all competitors involved in our calendar events.

We have a number of events coming up to close out the Summer sailing season including the Association Cup which is to be held on April 12, the format for this event is three IRC boats and three AMS boats competing in a three race format to be held on the one day. SYC has come very close to claiming back this trophy over the last few seasons and this year we are confident we have the team structure to finally bring this trophy home where it belongs, best of luck to all of the yachts chosen to represent team SYC, please get down and support your team either on the water or in the bar after racing has concluded.



On Sunday March 29 we had Day 2 of our WISC Regatta which runs in conjunction with the Port Phillip Women's Series, with once again light and fickle breezes it was only possible to complete one of the three races, congratulations to Steph Strong and her crew on Frenzy for taking out the AMS and PHS trophies over the four race series, great result.

Entries are open for our Club Marine SYC Centenary Trophy Regatta on Saturday 18 April. Entry is open to all IRC, AMS and PHS yachts. The regatta will include a pursuit style start to incorporate cruisers and non-spinnaker yachts there is also a Classic Yachts division, The regatta is designed to provide something for all types of yachts and caters for serious racing or family friendly cruising divisions . In addition the opening day of the J24 and Sydney 38 state titles will also be run in conjunction with the regatta so please get down and support our final event of the Summer Series.

It has been pleasing to receive race feedback via the SYC website ,all racing feedback received is presented at our sail committee meetings for discussion and review , this assists us in providing the best sailing format possible and provides valuable feedback to our boating department .

Also noted has been an increase in protests between yachts participating in club racing , I believe this to be very beneficial in assisting sailors to gather a full understanding of the Racing Rules of Sailing and the process of resolution via mediation or a formal protest hearing , we are lucky at SYC to have access to world class jury personnel.

A few other dates to lock in moving forward are Wednesday Wonders Presentation Night this Friday 10 April. The keelboat forum on Thursday 21 May (we encourage all sailors to attend this forum and present their views and ideas) and finally the sail presentation night on Friday 29 May.

JASON CLOSE
Club Captain Sail

YOUNG MEMBERS COMMITTEE UPDATE

SYC Young Members Twilight ... well mid-afternoon Sail

The Young Members Committee had an idea six months ago to energize the relationships with affiliated club young members, build corporate interest and draw new young members from the surrounding area to SYC.

On Sunday 22 March, it happened! We had guests from Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club, RACV, REA Group (realestate.com.au) and non-members with an interest to join, come down and go out for a sail on the Club's Beneteau fleet.



We could not have hoped for a better day; 28 degrees, 10-15 knots, flat water and the cider on the upper deck wasn't bad either!

After a quick briefing on which was the pointy end and what a Cunningham was, the team were tacking and gybing with asymmetrical kites like pros. The racing was tight, with match racing pre-starts and port end flyers the result ended up 1-1. After a quick dip, the teams retired to the deck for a few swift cold ones and whiled away the afternoon in the sun.

We have had a tremendous response from all involved and the question of when the next event will be has already been asked. Great news, the planning has already begun, so stay tuned. Further to this, please do get in touch if you know anyone who would be keen to be involved - email youngmembers@syc.com.au

NIGEL FELLOWES-FREEMAN
Young Members Committee

J24 SERIES UPDATE

Monjon (Australia) J24 Victorian Championships 2015

18 and 19 April. A brilliant sponsor. As many as 25 boats. Bigger than the nationals. Hosted by Sandringham Yacht Club. 125 sailors. Sausage sizzle on Friday 17 at registration. SYC centenary party with live music on Saturday 18. Presentation BBQ on Sunday 19 after racing. Brilliant race management. Impossibly fast and ferocious racing. The current Australian Champions. Two former Australian Champions competing. And more dark horses than you can shake a stick at. Be there.

DOUG MACGREGOR
President J24 Association Victoria





April, May, June + July Club + Social events

APRIL



MERCEDES-BENZ BRIGHTON TWILIGHT LAST BLAST

Thursday 2 April
Members' Bar & Northern Podium



EASTER

Friday 3 - Monday 6 April

Club operating hours for Easter:

	Friday 3	Saturday 4	Sunday 5	Monday 6
Clubhouse	Closed	1130 - Late	1130 - Late	1130 - Late
Reception	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Boating Office	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Members' Bar	Closed	1200 - 2100	1200 - 2100	1200 - 2100
HVR	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Yard	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
KKC	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed

Closing times in the Members' Bar & Clubhouse are a guide and will be judged on the level of patronage.



MERCEDES-BENZ BRIGHTON WEDNESDAY WONDERS PRESENTATION NIGHT

Friday 10 April @ 1900
Port Phillip Room



CLUB MARINE SYC CENTENARY TROPHY REGATTA & FUN RALLY AFTER RACE CELEBRATIONS

Saturday 18 April
Members' Bar & Northern Podium



ANZAC DAY

Saturday 25 April

Club operating hours for ANZAC day:

	Saturday 25
Clubhouse	1130 - Late
Reception	Closed
Boating Office	Closed
Members' Bar	1200 - 2100
Harbour View Restaurant	Closed
Yard	Closed
KKC	Closed

Closing times in the Members' Bar & Clubhouse are a guide and will be judged on the level of patronage.

MAY



MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST, LUNCH + DINNER

Sunday 10 May
Harbour View Restaurant

MAY



SAIL PRESENTATION NIGHT

Friday 29 May @ 1900
Port Phillip Room



A 3 TENORS TRIBUTE

Sunday 31 May @ 1200
Port Phillip Room

JUNE



QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY

Monday 8 March

Club operating hours for Labour Day:

	Monday 8
Clubhouse	1130 - 2100
Reception	Closed
Members' Bar	1200 - 2100
Harbour View Restaurant	Closed
Yard	Closed
KKC	Closed

Closing times in the Members' Bar & Clubhouse are a guide and will be judged on the level of patronage.



OTB PRESENTATION NIGHT

Friday 12 June @ 1830
Port Phillip Room



SYC TRIVIA

Friday 19 June @ 2000
Olympic Room

JULY



JAPANESE FEAST

Friday 3 + Saturday 4 July @ 1900
Harbour View Restaurant



RECREATIONAL BOATING ANNUAL BREAKFAST

Sunday 5 July @ 0900
Members' Bar



SYC TRIVIA

Friday 31 July @ 2000
Olympic Room



For more information on these events and for bookings please contact Reception or Naomi in the office on 9599 0999 or refer to the website syc.com.au