



# IN & AROUND

SANDRINGHAM YACHT CLUB

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## FROM THE COMMODORE

Another Opening Day, another trip around the marina in a rib and another barrage of water balloons!

It was a beautiful blue sky and a perfect temperature, flat waters – but – just so much wind. It is always a pity to call off the Sail Past but it was the right decision to do so.

Competing with the AFL Grand final was just too hard so instead we accepted that “Boating is better with football” and included the game in our day.

The saying that you should never go on a stage with children or animals is absolutely true. The star of our formalities was our new Off the Beach Captain Lachlan Coman. What a great speech he gave! When you listen to such an accomplished young man you know that the future of our Club is in good hands!

It was great also to see our high achieving young sailors on the stage. Ollie Tweddell, Krystal Weir, Elisa Solly, Jeremy O'Connell, Jack Challands, Julian Sasson and Mischa Suda are Sandy members to watch out for over the next few years and make us very proud as a Club.

Our thanks to Club members Rob and Rose Ungar, Paul and Helen Commins, George Shaw and Steve and Amanda Aulich for having our guests on their boats in the absence of our usual VIP boat *Mandalay*. Many commented on how they felt part of the Club because they were on a member's boat.

Special guests were our friends from Hokko Yacht Club in Osaka who came from Japan to share our day. Preparations for the Melbourne to Osaka Yacht race in 2018 are under way and it is great to strengthen our ties with our sister city.

Congratulations to the best dressed boats. Adrenalin always put a great effort into dressing up and was the Keelboat winner. Michael Kostos had a whole team of umpires on his boat and kept members in line all night with excessive whistle blowing and won the Recreational Boating best dressed boat. Sea Dragon won the OTB best dressed boat and a year's free boat storage for a prize. A special mention to Magic who also looked fantastic.

With the frivolities of Opening Day over it is straight into the hectic season.

Sail Sandy was a massive success with well over 200 boats entering and a record attendance. This event just gets better every year. I can't imagine how the Sail Sandy Committee can improve on it next year. Well done to all involved – an absolutely magnificent regatta.

So let the season begin – enjoy your Club and being on the water.

**KATE MITCHELL**  
**Commodore**



## OFF THE BEACH UPDATE

While the Off The Beach area is usually relatively quiet over the winter months, this year was an exception with a series of working bees scheduled to give the interior of the OTB a well-deserved face-lift. Over three weekends in July and August a team of enthusiastic volunteers transformed these spaces. It was wonderful to see some of our newest and youngest OTB members cleaning and painting alongside long standing Optimist, Cadet and Tasar sailors and their families, members of the OTB committee and the Commodore. With many hands making light work we were able to paint the entire interior of the two OTB rooms in a little over two hours, and enjoying a well-earned BBQ and drink at the end of each working session! I would like to take this opportunity to thank all who assisted over these weekends.

The social component of the OTB season commenced late in September with a Pie Night, providing a great opportunity to reunite with friends not seen over the winter months and to welcome new members and their families. With over 50 people in attendance, our very special guest speakers were Julian Sasson and Mischa Suda, who shared with us their experiences in representing SYC and Australia at the 2015 International Cadet World Championships on Lake Garda, Italy. Julian and Mischa showed us the wonderful images of this remarkable venue and stories of what they learnt during the regatta. We also took the opportunity to congratulate them on achieving an outstanding 8<sup>th</sup> place at this event.

Opening Day 2015 dawned sunny and windy but this did not deter the OTB sailors from decorating their boats in the hope of a Sail Past. The speech presented by 2015-2016 OTB Junior Captain Lachlan Coman captured the essence of the wonderful community we have at SYC and encouraged "all off the beach sailors to go out into the season with an ambition to do their best, to sail fairly, and to continue the great tradition of sportsmanship at Sandy Yacht Club". Unfortunately the Ronstan Opening Day Challenge did not go ahead due to the blustery conditions but we are always grateful for the wonderful support provided to OTB by Alistair Murray and Ronstan for this and many of our other events.

This year we started our OTB sailing season with a new initiative developed by the OTB committee. Rather than launching straight into our Junior Development Squad and racing program we took the opportunity to provide sailors and volunteers with a pre-season briefing session. On water volunteers had a refresher in general race management and safety procedures, while our sailors were introduced to the revised Sailing Instructions and an overview of the Racing Rules. The first day of racing saw close to 40 boats on the water. Our greatest area of growth this season is in the Optimist fleet, with over 30 Optimist sailors participating in the Junior Development Squad, and it has been a delight to welcome so many new sailors and their families into our OTB community. We are currently preparing to host the 2016 Optimist State Championships at SYC next March, and are very fortunate to have such a strong fleet



and group of willing and enthusiastic parent supporters who will ensure this event is a great success both on and off the water.

Once again Sail Sandy has showcased the wonderful resources, facilities and race management we are so privileged to have here at SYC. With last year's record number of entries as the goal to beat, a fleet of 213 boats hit the water on Saturday 17 October for a weekend of highly competitive sailing in a range of conditions that tested all sailors. Results for each division are available at

<http://www.topyacht.net.au/results/2015/sailsandy/index.htm>

The overall results for the regatta were

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Samaran (International Cadet): Julian Sasson and Mischa Suda, SYC
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Menace (International Optimist): Michael Case, RGYC
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Bear Grillz (Finn): Oliver Tweddell, SYC/SSCBC

I would like to extend my thanks to the more than ninety SYC members who volunteered to assist in the running of the event, which truly brings all facets of the club together. Recreational Boating members were most generous in providing spectator boats and a number of Keelboat Race Management volunteers were part of the outstanding race management team. Special thanks must go to the Sail Sandy organising committee chaired by SYC Club Member of the Year Dean Robson. This group worked for over eight months in the lead up to Sail Sandy in order to make it the iconic event it has become in our calendar.

Between now and Christmas there are a number of OTB events to look forward too, both on and off the water. The Kingston Sprint Series will be held over the weekend of 21-22 November, so keep your eye out for the Notice Of Race for this event. Another new initiative on Saturday 19 December is the Christmas Sprints/Racing program, which will provide a final opportunity to practice starting technique and hone racing skills in preparation for the National Championships that many of our sailors will compete in over the Christmas and January period. On the same evening the OTB Christmas Party takes place, please contact Junior Captain Lachie Coman to register and check website for details.

All of these wonderful opportunities for our sailors could not take place without the tireless work of our OTB committee and the wonderful group of volunteers who support us both on and off the water- I know our sailors are incredibly grateful for this and on behalf of them- thank you!!

**CATHRYN FUREY**  
**Club Captain Off The Beach**



## RECREATIONAL BOATING UPDATE

The Summer season is starting to ramp up and there are so many coming events that I want to tell you about, but first I should recap on the last six months of the Recreational Boating calendar.

Last May we had an overnight cruise to RMYS with some twenty plus boats taking part, this outing was such a success that it will become an ongoing annual event.

There have been three entertaining and informative bi monthly Guest Speaker Nights. The first in June being conducted by our very own Phil Spry-Bailey, who gave a wonderful presentation on the USS Sea Lion II. The second in August, also by one of our own in Peter Dransfield who spoke of his exploits as a world travelling sailor as well as his rich life in academia. Then just last October Anthony "Moose" Cook and two equally knowledgeable mates told a room full of hopefuls how to find, hook and land those big snapper in readiness for the following weeks Annual Fishing Competition. The coveted Wayne Read Trophy was won on that day by young eight year old Levi Dowell who bagged a very nice 4.65 kg snapper. Congratulations Levi!

There were two other notable off water events. The first being our ever popular Presentation Breakfast in July where the Recreational Boating Person of the Year is awarded. The morning is always a hit with the Bloody Marys and Glühwein accompanying the delicious breakfast prepared by Kol and his team. This year the award went to the indomitable Tommy Raft. Well-deserved recognition for all the generosity and enthusiasm that Tommy shows our Club. I am sure you will agree. Then in August Keith and his bus of forty wine connoisseurs rattled off to the Morning Peninsular for a lunch and tasting at T'Gallant then on to the Morningstar winery for some more refined consumption.

The Melbourne Cup long weekend just gone saw twenty five boats head to Geelong on the Saturday where a fully catered sit down meal for seventy was enjoyed by all participants including our Commodore Kate Mitchell. Then it was off to Queenscliff for Sunday and Monday, returning home to SYC on Tuesday in time to join in the Cup festivities. Our thanks to both RGYC and QCYC for making us feel so welcome.

Now for what we have coming up.

This Wednesday (11 November) we have our November Guest Speaker Night presented by Karen Wyatt the Marina Manager of the soon to be opened Wyndham Harbour. In February, Richard Buxton will be telling us all about his adventures and the subsequent writing of his new book "In the Snow Shoes of Scott and Shackleton". Geoff Nixon will speaking in April about the importance of AIS and his firsthand account of a collision at sea.



On November 28-29 we will be once again cruising to Queenscliff for the Music Festival and December 9 is the day we should all put in our diaries and book for the ever popular Christmas Party which will be bigger and better than ever.

January 9 is the date of Summer Raft-Up Picnic. If the weather is clement we will be fenders out and anchoring up around Red Bluff, if not we hope to use the RMYC outer attenuation wall again.

A committed and enthusiastic group of members led by David McCutcheon and Bruce Hodgkins have embarked on a secret mission, (code named #4 TAKE BACK) to win back the SYC Cup in our annual navigation rally on February 21 next year. I am not authorised to say too much here but if you would like to know more please contact Eloise in the Boating office or any member of the Rec Boating Team. Congratulations must also go to this group for guiding Mustango, skippered by Michael Kostos to a very respectable second place in the RVMYC Centenary Cup NavRally.

Expressions of interest are being sought for the 2016 Bass Strait Cruise in Company. The proposal is for this cruise to start as usual on the Labour Day long weekend March 12-13-14 heading for the southern end of the Bay along with the Investigator Family Rally and then continue on through to beyond Easter, (around March 30). A Passage plan is yet to be determined, but the end destination would be The Gippsland Lakes to join fellow club members in Metung for the OTB Easter Regatta. Once again please contact The Boating Office or myself if you are interested in taking part.

That about wraps it up for now, don't forget to look and book on the web site for all the upcoming events. On behalf of the Recreational Boating Committee a big thanks to those who have participated and helped make all of our events this year so pleasurable.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** All recreational boating events are open to Powered and Sailing vessels of all sizes and makes.

**MAL BILLINGS**  
**Club Captain Recreational Boating**



## SAIL UPDATE

Hello all SYC sailors and welcome to the new season

The upcoming 2015-2016 summer series sail committee has made some minor adjustments to our sailing calendar in line with our sailors requests and are committed



to providing the highest quality race program available on Port Philip Bay (for example we have moved our start times for distance events from 10am to 12 noon).

Sail Committee is always happy to receive feedback via the race feedback link on our club website to ensure we stay in touch with all sailors needs and promptly address any issues that may arise.

Our Mercedes-Benz Brighton Winter Round-the-Stix series has been very successful with over 40 yachts competing in a very high standard series, congratulations to the following yachts and crews on their series results.

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|-------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|--|
| • IRC Division 1: | 1 <sup>st</sup> Wicked | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Joust        | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Bandit                   |
| • IRC Division 2: | 1 <sup>st</sup> Primo  | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Fast Company | 3 <sup>rd</sup> First Passion            |
| • AMS Division 1: | 1 <sup>st</sup> Joust  | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Wicked       | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Bandit & Wild Side       |
| • AMS Division 2: | 1 <sup>st</sup> Primo  | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jet          | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Fast Company             |
| • PDH Division 1: | 1 <sup>st</sup> Joust  | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Wicked       | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Bandit & Dark and Stormy |
| • PHD Division 2: | 1 <sup>st</sup> Primo  | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Good news    | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Fun and Games            |

Mercedes-Benz Brighton Winter Wednesday Wonders was once again very well supported congratulations to the following yachts on their results.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Phoenix
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Pippa
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Suri

Mercedes-Benz Brighton Sunday Sailors was a hard fought series, congratulations to the following yachts on their results.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Debonnaire
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Winsome
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Copyright





Opening day was a success combining the AFL grand final with our big day and the football themed event ensured there was plenty of colour, the weather was a balmy 28 degrees but unfortunately it came with a 20 plus knot Northerly which put an end to the scheduled Sail Past, all was not lost though as the Commodore Kate Mitchell and Vice Commodore Rob Davis visited all of the boats in the marina in a Club RHIB to ensure all sailors gave their water balloon throwing skills a good workover.

Best dressed yacht this year went to Adrenalin, the crew pulled out all stops this year after being bridesmaid the previous years and proceeded to turn their boat into a mini MCG grass and goalposts included, well done!

Our Mercedes-Benz Brighton Saturday Aggregate series has attracted 53 block entries so far, the Mercedes-Benz Brighton Thursday Twilights 60 entries, Mercedes-Benz Brighton Wednesday Wonders 43 entries and Mercedes-Benz Brighton Sunday Sailors 24 entries are proving as popular as ever.

As we move into what promises to be a great summer sailing season we need to remind all skippers to complete and submit their man over board documents before the October 31 deadline.

Please ensure all participants in our scheduled races are either a financial SYC member or comply with the Day Pass system which can be obtained from our Boating department, this is also a requirement under liquor licencing rules.

Finally on behalf of all keel boat sailors I would like to thank all of our loyal volunteers in advance for the hard work they put in to ensure we remain the Premier Yacht Club on the bay.

Yours in sailing,

**JASON CLOSE**  
**Club Captain Sail**

## **J24 SERIES UPDATE**

The J24 winter series was another stunning success and we were happy as sand boys in a Glasgow pub on a Sunday morning. (I am not going to explain that)..... The series saw an average of eight boats on the water through the coldest winter Victoria has seen in decades. A round of applause for all the crews and skippers, and of course the SYC race Volunteers (they get cold and wet too!)...and last but not least, a big hurrah for Hugo Ottaway as he took out the title on his boat BRUSCHETTA VI.



At time of writing the summer series has started and has been named, in honour of our very generous sponsor John Moncrieff, the Monjon J24 One Design Sprints. Monjon (Australia) Ltd are a Bayside security company who have sponsored J24 Victoria for some three years and our gratitude for that cannot be underlined enough. The monies received have seen the association buy sails for both of our J24 youth boats, provide food and beverage at every regatta free of charge, pay entry fees for all of the J24s over the last two winter series and this summer coming will pay for two hours of coaching for every boat (there's 17 of 'em!) with our Training and Development coach Michah Shuwalow.

The first races of the summer season saw Pacemaker, steered by current Victorian Keelboat Sailor of The Year, David Suda, zip out to the front of the pack in all three spins around the track but with some new contenders making their presence felt. If the peloton can be less mercurial in their performances Pacemaker will indeed have its work cut out to hold the trophy aloft in April. And speaking of trophies.....The J24 Australian Championships will be held at our stunning Yacht Club 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> January 2016. It is looking very much as if we will have 30 boats on the start line. What can I say? Be there or be square...or standing in a puddle of tears? If you can't sail on one of our J's get on some sort of boat and get up close to the best and biggest one design keelboat racing on the Bay. There will be as many as 150 sailors hitting that bar each evening so I am sure you won't struggle to imagine just how electric the atmosphere will be. Dave Suda and Hershel Landes and crew on Pacemaker will be defending their national title but there are raiders from NSW and SA and QLD who are intent on spoiling that notion. Action packed doesn't begin to describe it. Oh.....and....there's a party on the Sunday...and the Tuesday...and the Thursday...and the Friday. Is that enough for you?

**DOUG MacGREGOR**  
**President J24 Association Victoria**



The new Women In Sailing Challenge (WISC) sub-committee is currently working hard to reimagine the SYC regatta. We are looking for energetic regatta sponsors that will match our enthusiasm and help us to make WISC 2016 the most successful yet!

If this is you, please email us as at [wisc@syc.com.au](mailto:wisc@syc.com.au) or contact our Committee members; Megan Aulich, Claire Sundin, Sasha Phillips, Stephanie Strong, Debbie Parker and Freya Vickery



# HARBOUR VIEW THURSDAY NIGHT GRILL

|                                      |      |
|--------------------------------------|------|
| ONE COURSE {main} .....              | 23.0 |
| TWO COURSES {main and dessert} ..... | 30.0 |
| SIDES .....                          | 5.0  |

## LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

After sailing in the Members' Bar on the following dates, live acts will be performing 'rain, hail or shine'. On alternate dates, a solo entertainer will be playing in the Harbour View Restaurant for your listening pleasure!

29 October - Andrew Healey

12 November - Field, See + Mason

26 November - Andy Wilson Triad

17 December - The Crawdaddys

14 January - Peter Chapman

28 January - Fabian + Broc

11 February - Jason Vorherr + Gary Young

25 February - Gary Eastwood

10 March - The Hornets Duo

17 March - Tim Watson

24 March - Sean Marchetti and Pez

31 March - Wendy Stapleton,

Paul Norton + Gerry Hale

\*schedule of performers subject to change, please check syc.com.au for updates



For more information please contact Reception or Naomi in the office on 9599 0999 or refer to the website [syc.com.au](http://syc.com.au)



# upcoming events at syc

## NOVEMBER



### MELBOURNE CUP DAY

Tuesday 3 November

Clubhouse Operating Hours:

| Tuesday 3               |                             |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Clubhouse               | 11:30 - approximately 21:00 |
| Reception               | Closed                      |
| Members' Bar            | 12:00 - approximately 21:00 |
| 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.

#### Members' Bar:

A social event open for all members to enjoy.  
Come down to the Club and join in the sweeps and all the action of the Melbourne Cup.



### RECREATIONAL BOATING

### GUEST SPEAKER NIGHT

Wednesday 11 November @ 19:30

#### Port Phillip Room

Karen Wyatt, Marina Manager at Wyndham Harbour will provide an update on the new centre for recreational boating in the west. Wyndham Harbour will offer world-class facilities to local and international sailors and will be operational this summer and at that time will feature wet berths and visitor berths.

Open to all SYC Members and guests. RSVP not required.



### TWILIGHT ENTERTAINMENT

### FIELD, SEE and MASON

Thursday 12 November @ 20:00

#### Members' Bar



### DISCOVER SAILING



Sunday 15 November from 10:00 - 16:00

Come out for a short sail with an experienced sailor, have a look around the Club facilities and discover just how fun, safe, accessible and affordable sailing really is – there is something for the whole family, even kids as young as five years old can sail when accompanied by a parent or guardian. No prior sailing experience required just loads of enthusiasm!

Day includes:

- . Sailing!
- . Kids entertainment
- . Clubhouse Tours
- . Food and Beverage
- . Live Music
- . FUN!

Registration and more information at [syc.com.au/discover/day/](http://syc.com.au/discover/day/)

## NOVEMBER



### TWILIGHT ENTERTAINMENT

### THE ANDY WILSON TRIAD

Thursday 26 November @ 20:00

#### Members' Bar

## DECEMBER



### SYC KIDS CHRISTMAS PARTY

Sunday 6 December @ 10:00

#### Ken King Centre

Calling all kids! Santa is coming to SYC!

There will be presents, lollies, entertainment from *Hey Dee Ho Music*, face painting, balloon sculpturing and heaps of fun!

Cost: \$30 per child

Bookings essential - 9599 0999 or [syc.com.au](http://syc.com.au) for a booking form



### RECREATIONAL BOATING

### CHRISTMAS PARTY

Wednesday 9 December @ 18:00

#### Undercroft

Bookings essential. More information at [syc.com.au](http://syc.com.au)



### TWILIGHT ENTERTAINMENT

### THE CRAWDADDYS

Thursday 17 December @ 20:00

#### Members' Bar



### OTB CHRISTMAS PARTY

Saturday 19 December @ 18:00

#### Lou Abrahams OTB Sailing Centre

More information at [syc.com.au](http://syc.com.au)



### CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH

Friday 25 December @ 12:00

#### Port Phillip Room & Harbour View Restaurant

Bookings essential. More information at [syc.com.au](http://syc.com.au)



### NEW YEARS EVE

Thursday 31 December

HARBOUR VIEW RESTAURANT @ 19:30

Bookings essential. More information at [syc.com.au](http://syc.com.au)

### MEMBERS' BAR

More information at [syc.com.au](http://syc.com.au)



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