

SAIL UPDATE

With the Christmas holiday season now a distant memory and with such favorable weather patterns since then, we have seen a great turn around in the activity across all our Mercedes-Benz Brighton Summer Series events. Seeing some of our Thursday Twilight races attracting around 70 boats clearly shows that both the weather and a desire of our members to use their Club is generating a positive feel around the Club.

With so many yachts racing in so in many different events since my last report and the excellent results that have been achieved by SYC boats, I wish to personally congratulate all those that participated across these events. In recognition of how SYC yachts competed across the Christmas/New Year period, the Commodore celebrated in early February with an informal presentation after one of our aggregate races to run through all those SYC boats. Well done all.

Without listing all of those boats, there are a few that need to be highlighted:

Sydney to Hobart

Veloce – 2nd overall on IRC, 1st IRC Division 2

Bacardi – 35 year old Yacht that has set the record for completing its 28th Sydney to Hobart

Boxing Day Dash

Line Honours – 1st Calm

IRC Division 1 – 1st Wicked, Division 2 – 1st White Noise

AMS Division 1 – 1st Wicked, Division 2 – 2nd Alibi

Performance Division 1 – 1st Sympatico

Melbourne to Launceston

Simply Fun – 1st Line Honours, 1st IRC Division 1 + 1st AMS Division 1

Melbourne to Hobart – Eastcoaster – Line Honours 1st XLR8

At this year's **Festival of Sails**, SYC was once again well represented and listed below are the results that we performed very strongly in:

IRC /AMS Division 1 – 1st AMS Simply Fun

IRC /AMS Division 3 – 2nd IRC White Noise + 3rd IRC Wildside

Sydney 38's 1st – Challenge

Cruiser Racer:

IRC Division 1 – 2nd Dark Energy + 3rd Sportscar, Division 2 – 2nd Primo

AMS Division 1 – 1st Horizon Sprint + 2nd Windspeed

Well done to all of those boats that participated in their individual events and to those also that were part of the SYC team.

The Intermediates Committee report they had a great start to sailing season kicking it off with a Christmas Party and taking part in Twilights. Match Racing has just started and is now being driven by the Intermediates Committee. The program is free to all intermediate members (16+) with the next session on the 16 March with free snags afterward! There are not many more Twilight races left so head on down to the KKC at 17:30 Thursdays and make yourself known to them and they will put you on a boat! ['Like' their Facebook page](#) and keep an eye out for details on the upcoming Intermediates raft-up/ fun sail to St Kilda, Match Racing and Twilights. Additionally SYC is subsidising a Power Boat Handling course commencing 27 February to the first five intermediate members who sign up, a trade-off is you need volunteer for at least 6 half day session - more fun on the water!! Contact Sulis in the Boating Department for more information.

Although it is great to see the increased participation around the Club, we all need to be very aware as to the requirements of all that sail at SYC. Everyone that participates in SYC run events must be either a member of our Club or obtain a Day Pass Membership from the Boating office for each race. Day Pass Membership covers this non-member person for all of our racing requirements, including protecting our Liquor Licensing Laws within our licensed areas. The Members' Bar + Lounge, Northern Podium (excl. delineated area), Port Phillip Room (incl. the Southern Podium) and the Ken King Centre are all Full Club Licensed Areas. YA membership or membership of another yacht club has no validity under our license. If they are not members of Sandringham Yacht Club and racing in one of our events, they must have a Day Pass Membership and the conduct of self-audit random spot checks at the marina gate will continue to occur across the remainder of the season.

Please start your planning and lock into your dairies Saturday 26 April for the 2014 Club Marine SYC Centenary Trophy Regatta. Notice of Race will be issued shortly.

Enjoy your Sailing,

ASHLEY TREBILCOCK Club Captain Sail

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS



OTB Bring a Friend Day

SUNDAY 2 MARCH

Lou Abrahams OTB Sailing Centre



Maine Radio Operators Course

TUESDAY 4 MARCH

Training Auditorium

Cruise In Company

SATURDAY 8—MONDAY 10 MARCH—MONDAY 17 MARCH

SYC—Apollo Bay—Bass Strait



ON THE WATER a Melbourne Food + Wine Festival Event

SUNDAY 9 MARCH + MONDAY 10 MARCH

Harbour View Restaurant



Keeping Cancer at Bay Race + BBQ

SATURDAY 15 MARCH

Northern Podium



The 2014 Mad Paddle

SUNDAY 16 MARCH

Escort Vessels needed...

SYC Ordinary General Meeting

TUESDAY 18 MARCH @ 20:00

Port Phillip Room

Investigator Family Cruise Rally

SATURDAY 22—SUNDAY 23 MARCH

To Martha Cove



Car Boot Sale

SATURDAY 29 MARCH

Car Park Undercroft

Cruise In Company

SATURDAY 29 MARCH

to Docklands



Women In Sail Challenge Presentation

SUNDAY 30 MARCH @ 1830

Harbour View Restaurant

Mercedes-Benz Brighton Thursday Twilight

THURSDAY 3 APRIL

Last Blast!



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For more information on these events and for bookings please refer to our website for contact details or booking instructions or contact the Guest Relations desk 9599 0999

www.syc.com.au

COMMODORE'S UPDATE

After the fairly hectic Christmas period, we seem to have settled into the familiar relaxed rhythms of "Summer at Sandy"

Wednesday afternoon, Thursday evening, Saturday and Sunday see large fleets racing around our marks. Over 1000 people regularly enjoy racing at Sandy each week and the patronage for our food and beverage offering continues to grow. That really is what our Club is all about – enjoying the Bay, fellowship and our facilities.

Behind the scenes though, it is anything but "relaxed and comfortable" so I felt you might be interested in some of our ongoing activities:

A small function was held early in February to welcome back and **congratulate** those who performed so well in the various Christmas races and championships – it was great to see so many members perform so well – highlights would have to be Rob Date and the crew of Scarlett Runner achieving 2nd in the Cape Town to Rio race and Phil Sempendorfer and crew of Veloce coming 2nd overall in the Sydney to Hobart.

Sandringham Hospital is one of two charities that the Club has "adopted" (the other being Challenge - Keeping Cancer at Bay). Each year we sponsor a major event for the hospital – one year it is the Bike Ride and the alternate year the "Mad Paddle". Sunday 16 March is the date for the paddle where around 15 to 20 paddlers finish their paddle at SYC with an appropriate function at OTB. This year is the Hospital's 50th Birthday so come on down and join in and help our community hospital ("When we break them, Sandy Hospital fixes them"!).

We were delighted to be able to ring **Parks Victoria** to raise our concerns regarding the "Yellow Post" that appeared along our starting line. Within 48 hours of my call, they had agreed to our request to remove the pile. The Notice to Mariners has already gone out and the pile will be removed late February.

Similarly a call to **Bayside City Council** for help/advice on the growing graffiti problem on our breakwater wall led to a solution where the Council and a State Government department will paint the wall and assist us maintain it on an ongoing basis.

The **marina extension** is well under way – 12 new pens have been built, with eight leased for a 10 year period and four adding to our rental pool. The project looks like coming in well under budget and on time.

Our **rent review** is progressing with the Valuer-General providing his valuation to which we have the opportunity to respond – and to this end, we are now preparing our valuation and will submit this. Our submission then forms the basis of a negotiation, leading to a determination. We expect this to be resolved in March/April.

An additional **disabled car park** will be provided under the Northern Podium to provide a more convenient park for those accessing their boats.

We recently hosted the Vice- Commodore of the **California Yacht Club** and swapped burgees and a few drinks – apparently SYC is known around Marina Del Ray and they saw the visit as a highlight of their trip to Australia.

General Committee Tuesday evening will ratify the formation of a **Heritage Committee** with the brief to recommend to General Committee: - what records and information should be retained each year and in what form, what should be on permanent display in the Clubhouse and how we dress the Clubhouse and environs. Additionally, the Committee will provide GC with an annual report to highlight significant events etc. so our history is preserved.

These activities are just a taste of what keeps us busy day-to-day. The **Ordinary General Meeting on Tuesday 18 March** is designed as an Information night for Members with the opportunity to question General Committee on any of the Club's activities – please make the effort to come along.

I look forward to seeing you around our great Club.

CHRIS CARLILE Commodore

RECREATIONAL BOATING UPDATE

2014 kicked off to a great start with the Annual Summer Raft-Up + Picnic on Saturday 11 January. 38 boats entered with a slightly unpleasant forecast of a 20 knot southerly from dawn. It was decided at the briefing that the SYC wave wall was the safest place to raft up, following an optional quick sprint out to Fawknor Beacon to check it was still there. In the end some 29 boats ended up rafting up and the weather gods looked kindly on us burning off the cloud, opening up blue skies.

Our Commodore joined the festivities for the day, raiding various boats on Paul Liddiatt's Zodiac, checking out the best pick of hospitality on offer! Later in the day, we had a visit from the Coastguard who seemed to take great pleasure winding their way through the raft up, taking photographs! Obviously, not a sight they see every day! February saw the first Guest Speaker Night with a fantastic visit to Frank Hammond's sail loft on Wednesday 12 February. Frank gave us a great insight into the evolution of sail making over the years as well as demonstrating computer aided design and sail cutting equipment, all the different many types of sail for all occasions and the workshop for metalwork and hardware. I think we all left dreaming about what our next sail wardrobe would look like! In addition, Paul Bartley gave a very enlightening talk on what to look out for when self-inspecting our rigging.

Sunday 23 February saw the SYC Cup Nav Rally where SYC battles out the course for the elusive CUB Cup against RVMYC, MMYC and BMYS. Boats must nominate their boat speed on entry and on the day proceed around the course at their nominated speed passing positions at specified times. Points are lost for being too early or too late at the various positions on the course.

This year we used the TackTracker system to calculate the results – a special thanks to RVMYC who kindly loaned the units for the day. RVMYC has been the winner of the CUB Cup over the last few years and there was a passion swelling within the SYC participants to win it back this year. 17 boats ended up battling it out.

Once again, RVMYC showed us the way by sweeping up both the SYC Nav Rally and CUB trophies – well done to Owen Smart and Stuart Smart on Pookanah (RVMYC) taking 1st place with 8 points, Cameron Simpson and Will Simpson on Bold Venture (RVMYC) taking 2nd place with 14 points and Chris Ackerman and Kylie Ackerman on Bonito (RVMYC) taking 3rd place with 19 points. Best SYC boat went to Phil Strong and John Evans on Seabird with 51 points. The rest of the SYC boats did very well with fairly balanced scores, even Commodore Chris Carlile went out on Renaissance – the only 12 knot boat! Full results and wrap-up can be found on the web.

March is a very busy month for Recreational Boating, kicking off over the long weekend with the Cruise In Company - Bass Strait to Apollo Bay and King Island, led by our Cruise Director, Mal Billings. For those who cannot spare the time to do the full trip from Saturday 8 March to Monday 17 March, Apollo Bay over the long weekend returning Monday 10 March is a great option.

For something a bit different, we have rejuvenated the Investigator Rally in a Family Cruise format down to Martha's Cove on Saturday 22 and return Sunday 23 March. There are three options for the passage to Martha's Cove – a leisurely cruise from SYC to Martha Cove, a scenic cruise with information pack of points of interest and quiz questions or a timed scenic route with nominated speed of 5, 6, 7.5, 10, 12, 15 or 20 knots to suit your boat.

The end of March will see the Car Boot Sale take place again on the morning of Saturday 29 March from 10:00 in the car park undercroft – a perfect opportunity to sell any unwanted sailing gear or pick up a great bargain. In the afternoon, following the Car Boot Sale, we cruise up to Docklands to either jump on the Colonial Tramcar Restaurant or eat out in some of the fine restaurants Docklands has to offer. There will be the usual drinks and nibbles and get together on the marina so please make sure you check out the website and book in.

The Recreational Boating Sub-Committee is currently calling for expressions of interest by anyone who would be keen in participating in a Fishing Challenge on Sunday 4 May. The details of how we see the event running can be found on the website. If you think you would be interested in participating, please let Eloise in the office know. All events for 2014 are posted on the Recreational Boating section of the website as well as the marina noticeboard for you to "Save the Date" and enter. Please do not forget that we need entries to confirm catering numbers and berthing.

On behalf of the Recreational Boating Committee, thank you for supporting the events and we look forward to seeing you on the water or around the Club.

SUE BOWES Club Captain Recreational Boating

OTB UPDATE

What an action packed summer of sailing. Our OTB sailors participated in Optimist Nationals, Cadet Nationals, Laser Nationals, 14 Nationals, Tasar Nationals, 420 Nationals, 29er Nationals, Minnow Nationals, Open Bic Nationals and of course the YA Youth Nationals at Blairgowrie.

Congratulations to those sailors that did well in their class and more importantly well done to all that participated and enjoyed the competition.

Our training and development squads of Green Fleet, Opties, Cadets and 29ers are full and operating at capacity. We have a sub-committee working on ways to increase opportunities in these three key areas – watch this space.

PIE NIGHT + NEW MEMBER INTRODUCTION – FRIDAY 7 FEBRUARY

Special Guest Speaker (SYC member) Tess Lloyd enthralled the large crowd in the Members' Lounge with her story behind the sailing career, starting with her first Minnow at age 6. Tess had a carefully prepared slide presentation that added a personal touch to a delightful story.



Tess spoke about the support of her parents, the various classes the family have transitioned through, her accident in Brisbane and subsequent recovery. Tess then spoke about her Year 12 studies, how she is coping with school and frequent trips overseas to train and compete. The kids in the audience were speechless in their admiration for our pocket rocket and all up Tess's presentation will be remembered as one of the best. I wonder if Tess has a career pending in journalism post sailing – I hope so – we all want to hear more!

LIVE-IN-WEEKEND – 8 / 9 FEBRUARY

Congratulations to the Rohan family that pulled together a magnificent weekend of fun and frivolity. Record numbers of kids and parents got involved in the Movie Star theme and covered the lawn area in an array of tents and shade structures. Saturday night was so warm the campers abandoned the tents and slept in the open. Sundays crews race turned into a mayhem of water fights and capsizing – so much so I don't think the results will ever be official.



The following is a comment from Bill and Gill Stubbs –

*Our thanks to both Tara and the SYC OTB community for such a wonderful weekend. Our new Junior Member Ella Stubbs couldn't recall having a better time in her life! You both worked so diligently to make the weekend such a success through hard work and exemplary leadership skills on your part Dylan. Well done OTB!!
Kind regards, Bill and Gill Stubbs*

Our annual Easter pilgrimage to Metung is 18-21 April. The Regatta brings Metung Yacht Club and SYC together celebrating its 53rd Anniversary. This is a great opportunity for the whole family to make new friends and renew acquaintances. Our host, Metung Yacht Club, is looking forward to another great Easter event. Forms and program are now available via our website.

GLENN TAYLOR Club Captain Off The Beach