

# upcoming events at syc



## SEPTEMBER



### HOUSE OF HORRORS

Friday 5 September @ 1930  
Port Phillip Room

Hosted by the "SYC Young Members", come along and get your 'spook' on at the House of Horrors night. ALL WELCOME!

Drink specials on the night, light supper provided, live music and best dressed prizes.

Bookings: via [syc.com.au](http://syc.com.au) or 9599 0999  
Cost: \$15.00 per head



### FATHER'S DAY

Sunday 7 September  
Harbour View

Breakfast 0930 - 1130  
a la carte menu

Lunch 1230 - 1530

Adults: \$65 three course set menu  
Kids (under 12yrs): Standard HVR kids menu

Dad's receive a glass of house wine or beer at lunch.

View the menu at [syc.com.au](http://syc.com.au).

Bookings essential 9599 0999.



### TORQUING HEADS LUNCH + SHOW 'n' SHINE

Friday 12 September from 1130  
Car park + Port Phillip Room

Torquing Heads Lunch featuring The Great Race, the history of Bathurst 1000 with Guest Speaker, Brian "Brique" Reed

SYC invites all discerning motoring enthusiasts to participate in the pre luncheon Show 'n' Shine and show off your special car!

Then hear from Brian "Brique" Reed who competed at twelve Bathurst endurance races between the years of 1964-1980. Brian will lead you through the history of the Armstrong 500, the event that would become the Hardie Ferodo 500/1000 and later the Bathurst 1000 and his involvement in The Great Race.

\$60 per person OR \$550 for a table of 10

See [syc.com.au](http://syc.com.au) for bookings and more information.

Registration for the Show 'n' Shine and lunch bookings essential.



### SCARLET RUNNER WELCOME HOME

Friday 19 September  
Members' Bar

SYC welcomes home SCARLET RUNNER after her world tour with a celebration in the Members' Bar!

Come down for Key Draw and then congratulate Rob and the crew on their success!

Cocktails from around the world (as sampled by the crew while on tour!) available for purchase. Dress in red in honour of this massive achievement!

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### SYC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday 16 September @ 2000  
Port Phillip Room

All members welcome.



### OTB PIE NIGHT & NEW MEMBER INTRODUCTION

Friday 26 September @ 1830  
Members' Lounge

A social night for all OTB members and their families to meet new members and catch up on the OTB news.

RSVP essential stating number of adults + children:  
[naomi.smith@syc.com.au](mailto:naomi.smith@syc.com.au) or 9599 0999.



### AFL GRAND FINAL

Saturday 27 September  
Members' Bar

Hopefully your team is in the running for the accolade of AFL Premiers! Come down to the club and cheer on the winning team in the Members' Bar.



### CLUB WORKING BEE

Sunday 28 September

To make the club grounds look their very best for Opening Day, your help would be greatly appreciated.

Jobs will include polishing club signs, painting touch ups, cleaning buildings and gardening.

Please express your interest to volunteer at Guest Relations 9599 0999.

## KEY UPCOMING EVENTS - OCTOBER

Saturday 4:	SYC "BLUES, BLUE, BLEW" OPENING DAY
Thursday 9:	TWILIGHT SAILING COMMENCES
Friday 10:	WEDNESDAY WONDERS' WINTER PRESENTATION NIGHT
Tuesday 21:	LADIES DAY TO THE RHODODENDRON GARDENS
Saturday 25:	REC BOATING FISHING COMP

## KEY UPCOMING EVENTS - NOVEMBER

Tuesday 4:	MELBOURNE CUP DAY
Thursday 6:	SYC DAXS DAY LUNCHEON
Sunday 30:	SYC KIDS CHRISTMAS PARTY



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](http://syc.com.au)

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## FROM THE COMMODORE

This is my last attempt to construct a story for In & Around – after 10 years on General Committee it's my turn to become the "Feather Duster".

So, on reflection, I can honestly say that I have enjoyed every minute of my time on Committee. There are a number of reasons for this:

- Firstly, the relationship between the Committee and the Members is one of trust and confidence – in the Committee to always do the right thing in terms of the Members interest and the Committee in turn has confidence that the Membership will back them. This has developed over many years and many different Committees and Officers, and it differentiates "Sandy" from many other comparable clubs. We have not, in my time, had any instances where the members were dissatisfied with the Committee of the day.
- There is also such a relationship between the committee and the Staff – we are truly fortunate to have such a professional, competent, group who all share our passion for the Club and for looking after the Members and each other.
- It is great to part of a Club with such a high reputation, locally, Nationally and Internationally. Any of us can go to almost anywhere in the World and have somewhere to call home and mix with like-minded people.
- General Committee comprises 12 Members, each of whom brings a diverse set of skills and talents to the table. It has been a pleasure working with this group of committed Members. May I highlight the contribution of the two retiring Committee Members – Sue Bowes has continued the work of Bill Stubbs in rejuvenating the Recreational Boaties and the participation and enthusiasm of this group is remarkable. Glenn Taylor, although relatively new to GC, has bought the interests of the OTB Group to the forefront of our thinking.
- Financially, the Club is in good shape with

our debt repayment on track and banking covenants comfortably met. Our ability to forecast and achieve our budgets is a great compliment to Richard, Helen and the team.

- Our facilities and infrastructure are second to none and we maintain a healthy development program to ensure existing facilities are properly maintained and new initiatives keep us up there with the best of them.

All in all, it is a terrific Club and one in which we can all be proud to be a Member.

At a more practical level, I do hope you will be able to attend the AGM on the 16th September – this is the opportunity to catch up on the Clubs Strategic Plans, our financial results, and the plans and initiatives of our incoming Commodore – Kate Mitchell.

A note on progress in acquiring the new Committee Boat – there are three suitable vessels we have been concentrating on, two of which will exceed our approval level of \$150,000. Accordingly, General Committee will be asking Members at the AGM to increase the approval level by \$50,000. As I write this a motion is being distributed with further explanation. Regrettably, we have been delayed in this project and we will not have the new boat in time for Opening Day.

In conclusion, thank you to all Members for making this such a great Club and allowing me the privilege of being your Commodore.

With best wishes

**CHRIS CARLILE**  
Commodore



## J24 SERIES UPDATE

Winter Nearly Over?

We are a little over half way through our J24 winter sprint series with an average of eight boats started each race day, a fantastic result I am sure you will agree, especially given the tragic Victorian trait of over dramatising any temperature below 24 degrees....and above 24 for that matter... and really my fellow Victorians, there's no need to phone the police just because it is raining. Personally I have sailed every winter race, bar one, and the coldest I ever got was taking water off my boat.

I am prouder than a new dad to see our winter sprints being a success but it is also heart-warming to see the J24 presence in SYC's Mercedes-Benz Brighton Winter Saturday Round-The-Stix Series. (There's a title!!) JET skippered by Simon Grain and AMAZING GRACE/MELBOURNE SAILING skippered by Bruce Alexander have been making a mark on the Club fleet and that is something we can all take pride in. Other J24 bods have been involved crewing on bigger boats and you can see them beavering away on FAST COMPANY, WHITE NOISE, ADRENALIN, 38 DEGREES SOUTH and JOHNNY B. GOOD. Indeed FAST COMPANY was steered into first place, AMS, two weeks in a row by one of our very own!! JOHNNY B GOOD, steered by J. Neville Esq, has come 8<sup>th</sup> a few times... which is

'quite good'. All of which is a very fine testament to the greater integration of J24 folk into Club life and racing that we set out as one of our goals last year. Only the other day I heard a Club skipper say "Any J24 sailor can crew on my boat anytime" ... My chest nearly exploded with pride. Though I have to say I am glad it didn't as I had my best shirt on.

As ever during winter there has been a bit of musical boats going on. Bruce Alexander has bought AMAZING GRACE and brought it over from Adelaide. KICKING BOTTOM has had a name change to...wait for it...(drum roll!!!!).... **KICKING.** (were you up all night deciding that Ronnie??). KICKING has also had the green paint removed and is now the colour of a Ritchie Benneau sports jacket. (white, off white, china white, ivory or bone, take your pick) Lurverly... That's a big YAY! for all of us...no more green skid marks on our Js!! Ronnie has hit more boats than Ringo Star has hit drum skins. JET has had a hull refurb' and looks brand new. FYI; DOLLY, SDM and EXCITE YOUR SENSES are all for sale and at very affordable prices may I add. Go on, you know you want to!

**DOUG MACGREGOR**  
**President J24 Association Victoria**

The [Andrew Simpson Sailing Foundation](#) is planning a MONSTER SIZED attempt to set a new Guinness World Record for The Largest Sailing Event in the World .... EVER .... It's called Bart's Bash and Sandringham Yacht Club is registered!

The event is open to all types of sailing craft and will take place on Sunday 21st September, 2014. The map below shows the sailing venues taking part from all over the world... [Zoom out to see the global perspective.](#)

All you need to do is clear your diary and sign up as soon as possible to take part in the World's Largest Sailing Race! Click here: <http://www.bartsbash.co.uk/node/12542/entries>

## OFF THE BEACH UPDATE

Hello all,

### Overseas Results



The entire OTB community congratulates SYC member Jack Challands on becoming the U13 World Champion in the rapidly growing Bic class. Jack competed for the world title in Germany during July and will be our key note speaker at the OTB pie night Friday 26 September. Be sure to book now – no cost to SYC members but this one will book out quickly. You may be aware SYC will be hosting the Bic National Championships 18-23 January 2015 and we expect 70 plus boats.



Also doing our sport proud overseas are Sophie and Thomas Alexander, from RGYC, who won the title of World Champions at the International Cadet Worlds, held at Weymouth 14-22 August.

### Junior Member Induction Evenings

The OTB Sub-Committee recently decided to reintroduce new Junior Member Induction Evenings to be held at 6:30pm on the first Wednesday of each month. The idea being to give the new member (and family) an idea of what the Club has to offer and introduce the key people that make things happen. The first evening was held on Wednesday 6 August and the feedback from new members and families was that this is definitely a step in the right direction.

### Future Dates – please mark these important dates in your calendar

- Sunday 14 September, 9:00am – RHIB accreditation for all potential volunteers
- Friday 26 September, 6:30pm – OTB Pie Night – Guest Speaker Jack Challands
- Saturday 4 October, from 11:00am – Opening Day and Ronstan Opening Day Challenge
- 18/19 October – Sail Sandy
- 15/16 November – Kingston Sprint Series (inc the VLA championships)
- Sunday 16 November - from 10:00am – Discover Sailing Day
- 18-23 January 2014 – Open Bic Nationals

**Storage** – a reminder that OTB storage expires each year at 30 June and you need to reapply for 2014 / 2015 storage.

I continue to be humbled by the volunteer contributions of so many families that keep your yacht club prospering. You know who you are and I thank you all immensely.

Yours in Sailing

**GLENN TAYLOR**  
**Club Captain Off The Beach**

## SAIL UPDATE

Welcome to In & Around for August/ September. Hopefully by now as the days start to get lighter for longer, you have started to brush of the winter blues and have commenced your planning for summer boating at SYC. All the Summer Notice of Race (NOR)'s are about to be uploaded to the web, so please keep visiting syc.com.au to enter one of the many different options that we have to offer.

Over the last couple of months, 425 members took part in our 2014 Members survey. As always the results were very interesting and varied. I am glad to read that 90% of people indicated that they were satisfied or very satisfied with our Club with 73% of respondents citing Keelboat Sailing as the predominate reason for joining our great club. Once you started to dig a little bit deeper, 50% of respondent's main boating interest being Keelboat Racing, 21% Cruising, 18% Social and 6% OTB. Of those with keelboat interests, 58% crewed weekly and 82% were satisfied or very satisfied with the Keelboat events schedule. Members rated the conduct of Keelboat races highly with 72% scoring excellent or very good with a further 21 % in the good category. We also received 36 suggestions for improvement and as we work through these, your Sail Committee will continue to improve on the high

standards, that you come to expect at SYC. Thank you to all those members that participated.

Items that you need to ensure are in your calendars are:

- Craig Longmuir will be joining us Thursday 11 September to deliver a presentation on Search and Rescue Operations in Australia. This will cover items such as The National Search and Rescue System & JRCC Australia's role and 406MHz Distress Beacons & the Cospas-Sarsat Distress Beacon System.
- YV Weighing Day is scheduled for Sunday 7 September weighing Keelboats and Multihulls at Sandringham Yacht Club. Booking necessary.
- Opening Day - Saturday 4 October with the theme of "**Blues, Blue, Blew**"

As this is my last In & Around, there are many people that I would like to thank for making my time as your Sail Captain very enjoyable. My special thanks must go to Sulis, Monica and Eloise in the Boating office for ensuring the running of all events appears seamless to participants. To all the members of my Sail Committee, thank you for all your work across the last two years and although we had differing views along the way our overall drive to improve SYC always prevailed. One large group of people that commit hour after hour without enough recognition is our Volunteers. Thank you for all your efforts.

Enjoy your Sailing

**ASHLEY TREBILCOCK**  
Club Captain Sail

## YOUNG MEMBERS COMMITTEE UPDATE

Forget Friday the 13th, Friday the 5th of September will be the horror night of nights!

Weather your into the spooks, zombie apocalypse, Buffy or Twilight come on down to the Port Phillip Room and let out you inner zombie and dance with the devils. Bring along your voodoo dolls and skeletons (from the closet). All ghosts and ghouls invited, for those who dare...

Tickets cost \$15 for a paranormal experience, please book via the website or the office. Be prepared for a spooktacular night hosted by the Young Members Committee.

**FREYA VICKERY**  
Young Members Committee

## RECREATIONAL BOATING UPDATE

Welcome all Recreational Boating members both power and sail to the August/September 2014 edition of In & Around.

It is with some sadness I find myself putting pen to paper to write my last edition of In & Around. I would like to take this opportunity of thanking the Recreational Boating Sub-Committee (and their wonderful partners) who have been a pleasure to work with over the last two years and pivotal in continuing the growth of Recreational Boating. Also, Eloise, from our Boating Department, who has been the glue to the whole operation, keeping us in line and on time for the organisation of all the events and their communication.

The Committee would like to extend a special thank you to Paul Gray and Greg Stephens who will step down from the Sub-Committee at the end of September after many years of tireless involvement and organisation of events. It goes without saying that behind every good man is a good woman! Both Sheryl Gray and Lisa Redlich have volunteered so much of their time to support Recreational Boating over the years, we thank them too.

Our last event for the winter season was the Annual Winery Tour on Saturday 23 August. 40 members joined Keith and his bus, Oz Express, to head down to The Mansion at Werribee Park on a beautiful sunny day (all were on time except Charles and I which turned out to be the consistent pattern of the day!). Despite many of us living in Melbourne for so many years, most had not been through The Mansion or the Gardens which put on a magnificent show for the day. From there we took a short ride to Shadowfax Winery where we promptly upset the plans of Philip and Jane Burn enjoying a quiet lunch for two with an invasion from SYC! The wine, food, music and company were great at Shadowfax – well worth a visit for those who have not been before.

As we were in the area, we drove round to have a look at the progress at Wyndham Harbour which will be a new bay destination in the future. It is quite a long way off with buildings still going up and, whilst the breakwater is complete, there is no sign of marina progress as yet.

Our TackTrackers have arrived and are in the safe hands of the Club. Once again, our heartfelt thanks to the wonderful generosity of Fred Heavey. More announcements will come soon on how we plan to introduce them to our members with an information night which will involve plotting a course, followed by an on water trial at a suitable date in the program.

As we move into September and our Spring/Summer program, there is a lot to look forward to in the coming months. Please do not forget the AGM on Tuesday 16 September too as well as:-

- Opening Day Sail Past on Saturday 4 October to the

theme of Blues, Blue and Blew.

- Guest Speaker Night with fishing hints and tips on Wednesday 22 October.
- Fishing Competition on Saturday 25 October – plenty of prizes for all ages and categories.
- Two Cruises in Company in November:
  - Cup Weekend 1 - 4 November
  - 29/30 November to coincide with the Queenscliff Music Festival
- Guest Speaker Night on Wednesday 12 November – Philip Middlemiss on Wyndham Harbour, South Werribee (another upcoming Bay destination)

All our events for 2014/2015 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 your entries to confirm catering numbers and berthing for most of our events.

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

My best wishes to Mal Billings, our new Recreational Boating Club Captain and the new Committee who he will introduce in October.

**SUE BOWES**  
Club Captain Recreational Boating

