

upcoming events at syc



JUNE



QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY

Monday 9 June

Club operating hours for the Queen's Birthday holiday:

Monday 9	
Clubhouse	12:00 - 11:00
Reception	Closed
Members' Bar	12:00 - 11:30
Harbour View Restaurant	Closed
Ball	Closed
IBC	Closed

Closing times for the Members' Bar & Clubhouse are a guide and will be subject to the level of patronage.



MARINE RADIO OPERATOR CERTIFICATE OF PROFICIENCY + MARINE RADIO OPERATOR VHF CERTIFICATE OF PROFICIENCY COURSES

Tuesday 10 June

Training Auditorium @ 1830

If you heard an emergency call...would you know how to respond? Equally as important, if you had to make one... would your message be understood?

If you answered no to these questions, then this is the course for you!

Bookings via sycba.com.au/radio



OTB PRESENTATION NIGHT

Friday 13 June @ 1830

Port Phillip Room

Celebrate and cheer on the winners from the 2013 / 2014 summer sailing season with your fellow OTB members.

\$50 Adults \$35 12-17yrs \$25 5-11yrs

Bookings essential, 9599 0999 or naomi.smith@syc.com.au



SAIL WINTER INFORMATION NIGHT in conjunction with REC BOATING GUEST SPEAKER

Transport Safety Victoria - Offshore Operations

Thursday 26 June @ 1930

Port Phillip Room

Ken Alonso will be presenting on vessel + navigation preparation for offshore operations together with an overview of risks and precautions from a safety regulator's perspective. He will inform us on the planning essentials such as fuel and basic navigational knowledge and the carriage and use of safety equipment.

Ken's career has been spent in the aviation industry as a pilot and flight instructor and more recently in recreational boating safety education with Transport Safety Victoria.

Open to all SYC Members and guests. No RSVP required.

JULY



JAPANESE FEAST

Friday 4 + Saturday 5 July @ 1900

Harbour View Restaurant

Executive Chef, Kol Gemmill has constructed an exciting degustation menu (7 courses) incorporating a range of unique dishes.

\$70 per person includes a glass of Japanese Plum wine on arrival.

Bookings essential call 9599 0999.

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REC BOATING PRESENTATION BREAKFAST

Sunday 13 July @ 0900

Members' Bar

Come and join the Rec Boating group for a scrumptious hot breakfast around the open fire, the announcement of the 'Rec Boating Person of the Year' and a morning full of fun and games..!

\$25 per adult + \$12 per child (12 & under)

Bookings open.



SYC ANNUAL BALL ~ VIVA LAS VEGAS

Saturday 19 July @ 1900

Port Phillip Room

Dress to impress and enjoy a night of fine food, wine, fun and sophistication at the Annual Ball. This year's theme is VIVA LAS VEGAS and yes, Elvis will be in the building!

\$99 per ticket, includes 3 course dinner, welcome drink + live entertainment.

Raffle and Live Auctions on the night.

Bookings open.



OTB PIE NIGHT & NEW MEMBER INDUCTION

Friday 25 July @ 1830

Members' Lounge

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

Bookings open 19 June.

RSVP (stating number of adults and kids attending) essential to Naomi, naomi.smith@syc.com.au or 9599 0999



SAIL WINTER INFORMATION NIGHT

Race Management

Thursday 27 July @ 1930

Training Auditorium

Bruce Humphries will present all there is to know on Race Management and how you can be involved at SYC.

Open to all SYC Members and guests. No RSVP required.

Before the meeting enjoy a meal in the Harbour View Restaurant from 5pm. For bookings call 9599 0999; alternatively take advantage of our current offers available in the Members' Bar from 5pm.

It's our Clubhouses' 5TH Birthday!
Watch out for special events + offers
in the Members' Bar & Harbour View
Restaurant throughout July!



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

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Members' Bar

Daily Themed Meals



FROM THE COMMODORE

With the Indian summer we are currently enjoying it's hard to believe winter is just about on us again! So make the most of the good weather while it continues – come down the Club and enjoy your boats, your friends and all the Club has to offer.

Since the last edition of In & Around we have had the **Club Marine SYC Centenary Trophy Regatta** which was (again) dogged by bad weather. It's just as well my term is nearly up – two Opening Days blown out and two Club Marine SYC Centenary Trophy Regattas also affected – just watch – Kate will have a dream run!

The **53rd Easter Regatta at Metung** for the Juniors (and the Oldies as well) was again a great hit with good sailing, great company and of course the Easter Bunny! The Metung fleet of Juniors is growing and SYC has agreed to host a return regatta for them, with Alistair Murray of **RONSTAN** fame kindly offering two Ronstan "Clear Start" watches as trophies.

Annual Presentation Nights are a feature of Club life at this time of year with both Wednesday Wonders and Sail Presentation Nights held recently. Both events were sold out which is a great endorsement of the high levels of participation and growing fleets in our key events. Wednesday racing is particularly well supported and highly regarded. The OTB Presentation Night is also around the corner on Friday 13 June and the Recreational Boating Breakfast will be held in the Members' Bar on Sunday 13 July. Both of these events are now open for bookings.

Within the Club, we have largely finished our various **works programs**, which have included: the stand-by generator, the new water main and extensions to the marina. Additionally, we have now received planning consent to complete the pontoons to the North of the launching ramp. The Club fleet (now in excess of 50 boats) is currently being assessed

professionally to establish their condition and any remedial work required.

More significantly, General Committee has received members' approval to commence the search leading to the acquisition of a **replacement for Endeavour III**. We have set a budget of \$150,000 for the purchase of a suitable boat and are seeking member's donations to fund the purchase. The decision to finance the purchase outside the recurrent budget resulted from the commitment to maintain our long standing Financial Plan and Debt Repayment Program to fully repay bank debt incurred in FMP2 by 2018.

All Senior and Crew members will have received (or will soon receive) a **letter from the Commodore** setting out the planned purchase and enclosing a Flyer to illustrate the type of craft we seek and to ask members to contribute to the associated funding. Could I ask that all members wishing to contribute, do so and return paperwork by 20 June—prior to the financial year.

The response of members to our initial fund raising efforts has been very positive and I would urge all members to get behind this effort. The Clubs international reputation for staging "world class" events will be enhanced by acquiring a modern, fast, comfortable Committee/Race Management/Rescue craft.

As a final comment, members should be aware that, with the completion of the extension to the Marina, we now have some berths available and would welcome members or new members wishing to gain a berth at the best marina on Port Phillip!

I look forward to seeing you around our great Club.



CHRIS CARLILE
Commodore

J24 SERIES UPDATE

As part of the ongoing training and up skilling of our members, J24 Association are looking for some young members to take over the two association owned J24s for the upcoming winter/summer series and to form crews to regularly participate in the relevant series on offer. This year many intermediates have sailed on these boats and have a great time, if you are interested in having your own J24 for the year, please head to the intermediate page of the website, complete the form and contact our Sail Committee Intermediate Representative Freya Vickery.

The J24 winter sprints start the first weekend of June. First warning signal 1025hrs.

There will be plenty of skippers looking for crew during this set of eight race days, so don't be backwards at coming forwards if

getting involved with J24s interests you on any level.

The social side of things will be almost as active as the competitive...every second race day there will be a sausage sizzle coupled with a lecture and or a coaching session after the boats are packed and put to bed.

Scared to sail in the cold? Don't be. After four windward/leewards over two hours you'll be sweating like a trench digger. No one enriches their life or horizons or experiences or opportunities by flopping about in bed.

Call Doug MacGregor on 0400 584 067 if you would like to get involved.

DOUG MACGREGOR
President J24 Association Victoria

VOLUNTEER RACE MANAGEMENT UPDATE

There are many duties associated with running an event. Whether you are relatively inexperienced or fully qualified; if spending a free morning or afternoon, in good company, performing a highly valued Club service sounds good to you; we want to hear from you!

Race days are generally Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays. If you can help out on any of these days, we would be very interested in hearing from you.

We are already planning for the next sailing season starting in October but we need your help in running these events. Please help us help you and tell us how we can get you involved, our training program has commenced: [please click here for SYC's Volunteer Race Management Training schedule.](#)

Whether you are a current member, looking to become a member or a non-member, contact the Boating Department Manager – Sulis on 9599 0908 or drop him an email

sulis@syc.com.au to discuss your interest in volunteering at this great Club of ours.

Sulis is responsible for managing, organising and arranging the conduct of all racing and boating related events, across keelboats, dinghies and recreational boating – and all regattas hosted by the Club.

Sulis has a lot to offer to Sandringham Yacht Club's Race Management volunteers and is very much looking forward to working with you and refining your existing knowledge.

THE BOATING DEPARTMENT TEAM
Sandringham Yacht Club



SAIL UPDATE

With another year marching on very quickly as we head into the winter months, we have once again seen the completion of our end of season Club Marine SYC Centenary Trophy Regatta on the Anzac Day weekend. Congratulations to all that participated and the overall winners. With the Easter break and the Anzac Day holiday being very close together this year coupled with the weather we experienced on the day, we have saw a dramatic drop off in the number of boats in both entering and competing in this Regatta. With the celebration of the 100th Anzac Day falling on Saturday 25 April 2015 we are planning to bring forward the 2015 SYC Centenary Trophy Regatta to ensure no such clash.

The first race of the winter series has been completed in the Mercedes-Benz Brighton Saturday Round-the-Stix series with a good number of boats across both divisions and I am sure we are going to see some competitive racing over the next few months. With the Wednesday Wonders Presentation Night having been held on Friday 2 May and the Sail Presentation Night being having been held on Friday 23 May, on behalf of all the members of the Sail Committee, I wish to congratulate all the winners across all of these series and all participants in our 'Winter and Summer Series' for making the racing so competitive and successful. Once again I would also like to thank all the volunteers that continue to support this great Club, for supporting the 2013/2014

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7.00pm

Our Executive Chef, Kol Gemmell has constructed an exciting 7 course degustation menu incorporating a range of unique dishes.

\$70 per person, including Japanese Plum wine on arrival

Bookings essential call 03 9599 0999

To view the menu please ask your waiter or visit syc.com.au



Mercedes-Benz Brighton Sailing season and giving their time to deliver all of our great events. As part of the ongoing training and up skilling of our members, J24 Association are looking for some young members to take over the two association owned J24s for the upcoming winter/summer series and to form crews to regularly participate in the relevant series on offer. This year many intermediates have sailed on these boats and have a great time, if you are interested in having your own J24 for the year, please head to the intermediate page of the website, complete the form and contact our Sail

Committee Intermediate Representative Freya Vickery. As some of you may have noticed, we have seen some movements of our bigger yachts

in the Club being loaded onto semi-trailers. Previously this may have been to compete interstate but we have the following yachts going to new homes: Calm, Calm 2 and Gold Finger.

Hopefully you have all been either online or through your Club diaries and locked in the following dates for the Sail Committee Winter Information Nights:

- Sail Forum - Thursday 29 May
- Offshore Operations – Thursday 26 June
- Race Management - Thursday 31 July
- Marine Weather – Thursday 28 August
- ASMA – Thursday 25 September

Enjoy your sailing

ASHLEY TREBILCOCK
Club Captain Sail

Friday Night Entertainment

Book your table now for dinner on

FRIDAY 30 MAY

FRIDAY 27 JUNE

FRIDAY 25 JULY

and be entertained by our

resident acoustic musician Nathan

Playing from 6.00pm



RECREATIONAL BOATING UPDATE

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

The end of March and April has been busy with some great events supported by good participation in particular with our on-water events.

On March 29, we kicked off the day with the Car Boot Sale which had 11 stalls registered. Although we had a couple of last minute cancellations, I am sure buyers and sellers were pleased with the result.

In the afternoon, 34 boats met up at Melbourne City Marina – some having gone up the night before to take advantage of the great offer for our Club members of stay one night and get the second night free. Once up at Docklands, some chose to dine on boats or at the various restaurants at Docklands whilst the rest of the group embarked on the Royal Barge, the Elizabeth Anne, which took us to the Colonial Tramcar Restaurant for a sunset dinner around Melbourne returning around 8pm to regroup and party on. The weather was so great that several boats stayed the Sunday night too!

Sunday 13 April saw the interclub Whalley Cup NavRally between SYC, Mordialloc Motor Yacht Club, Royal Victorian Motor Yacht Club and Beaumaris Motor Yacht Squadron being held with a record 20 boats entered. This is possibly the oldest Log Trailing event on Port Phillip which commenced in 1924 when SYC member A.J. (Bert) Whalley donated the Cup to the event which then attracted the biggest boating fleet of the season on Port Phillip!

Once again, the TackTracker system was used thanks to the RVMYC and special thanks to RVMYC Vice Commodore Chris Ackerman who set all the TackTrackers up for the event. After the on-water rally, a BBQ was held at KKC with the results posted in the Training Auditorium for all to see their actual course taken and final score. It was great to have our Commodore, Chris Carlile, participate in the event on *Femme Fatale*, with a cast of thousands on board.

Whilst Sandringham did not win the Whalley Cup this year, we certainly have come a long way with our scores in NavRallies. The best performing boat was *VI by VII*, skippered and navigated by David and Kate McCutcheon who scored 26 points which placed them overall 5th in the competition, a fantastic result. Once again RVMYC took out 1st, 2nd and 3rd with Cameron Simpson being the back to back winner.

Unfortunately the Club Marine SYC Centenary Trophy Family Fun Rally on Saturday 26 April had

to be cancelled for the second year in a row due to winds of 20 to 25 knots but a few eager participants came to the Club and answered the quiz in the Members' Bar for a bit of fun.

On Sunday 4 May a Fishing Challenge was planned but unfortunately had to be postponed to Sunday 18 May due to weather. With unseasonal warm weather on this day and a northerly gusting over 25 knots, 7 of the 15 entrants braved the bay at various times to hook their catch. Whilst quite a lot of fish had to be thrown back due to size the landed catches varied from beautiful squid caught by Ralph White, to flathead, snapper and pinkies.

The Fishing Challenge winners were two of our younger entrants with the identical catch of snapper weighing in at 1.06 kg. Dean Christopher and Spiros Lekkas were awarded the fishing rods and tackle. Thanks to all entrants in this event and we look forward to seeing you on Saturday 25 October for our Annual Fishing Competition and again in 2015 for an earlier March Fishing Challenge.

Whilst our winter calendar does slow down a bit, there are some great events coming up in June, July and August:

- Guest Speaker Nights on Thursday 26 June on the topic of Offshore Operations and Thursday 28 August on the topic of Marine Weather, both hosted in conjunction with Sail Committee's Winter Information Nights and presented by Transport Safety Victoria.
- Presentation Breakfast on Sunday 13 July where the Recreational Boating Club Member of the Year is announced along with a sumptuous breakfast, great raffle and a fun quiz.
- Winery Tour on Saturday 23 August where we are heading off to tour the Werribee Mansion and the Gardens, followed by wine tasting and lunch at Shadowfax.

Before too long we head into our Spring and Summer calendar with plenty of events planned to cater for all needs – Opening Day Sail Past, Fishing Competition, Cruises in Company and topical guest speaker nights to name a few.

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 your entries to confirm catering numbers and berthing for most of our events.

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

OFF THE BEACH UPDATE

As May West once famously said, well hello sailors!

This magnificent autumn weather has provided some perfect sailing opportunities for our OTB sailors.

The annual Easter pilgrimage to Metung saw record numbers of entries from all classes and particularly pleasing to see so many Tasars make the trek to the lake. Congratulations to former cadet champion and new OTB dad Dave Suda for cleaning up in the mums, dads and deadbeats races.



Our Green Fleet program goes from strength to strength with sessions oversubscribed and graduates now feeding into JDS programs and fleet racing. We are so lucky to have top flight coaches running our green fleet and JDS programs like Oliver Tweddell, Alison Dale, Pip Solly, Patrick Hutton and others - the outcomes are clearly visible in state and national results. The JDS programs have been so popular that we have extended them into the winter season for the first time.

All of this activity on the water is underpinned by our magnificent volunteers who provide first class race management and ensure great racing each week. The race management development program for winter has been published at <http://www.syc.com.au/homepage-news/volunteering-at-syc-race-management-training/> and we encourage anyone interested to attend these informative sessions. Many thanks to Sulis, Steve, Dean and Craig for their contribution into the structure and delivery the programs.

Some key dates for your diary:

- Friday 13 June 6:30pm - OTB Presentation Night - theme - TV Shows. This is OTB's biggest party and rewards night of the year for all our OTB sailors & families! This is a fantastic night for Club members to share stories from the season,

have fun and congratulate fellow members for the achievements. So head to the Club's website, visit reception or contact Naomi and get your booking form in.

- Friday 25 July + Friday 26 September – OTB New Member Introduction + Pie Night. Come and catch up with all the OTB news – join us for free party pies and sausage rolls!! The OTB Committee would also like to take this opportunity to welcome new members and their whole family to the Club ensuring that they have all the information and support they need to feel at home at the Club. Bookings for July's event will open 19 June.
- Saturday 4 October - Opening Day. Another great day for you, your family and friends to celebrate the Opening of the Sailing Season and have some fun dressing your boat to the year's theme. Entertainment commences at the Club from 11:00, after the formalities we then on to the Sail Past and Ronstan Challenge. Please show your support to our annual SYC Junior Overseas & Intermediates Funds Raffle! Drawn at 17:00 in the Members' Bar on Opening Day – there are some great prizes up for grabs this year and tickets will be arriving in your letter box in the not too distant future.
- 18 + 19 October – 2014 Sail Sandy Regatta. This regatta is intended to promote the skills of OTB sailors competing in large fleet racing. The regatta will also provide a venue for associations and training squads to bring their members together early in the summer sailing season. Cash prizes are up for grabs! The NOR has been released and entries are now open!
- 15 + 16 November – 2014 Kingston Sprint Series. This is a series of short races designed to improve starting and boat handling. Keep your eye out on the web for the release of NOR and entries later in the season.

Best Regards

GLENN TAYLOR
Club Captain Off The Beach