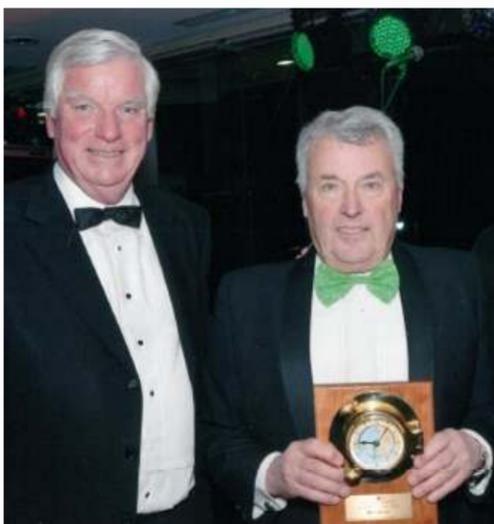


FROM THE COMMODORE

There are some great stories to report in this month's **In & Around**.

Scarlett Runner – Rob Date and crew have won the Pacific Cup race from San Francisco to Hawaii. A terrific result which came through Facebook during the Ball last night Saturday night, 19 July – it was enough to stop the music! I have sent through congratulations from all at SYC – details will be posted on the web as soon as possible.

Clubman of the Year, was awarded to **Mike Welsh** at the Ball and recognises a sailing career over 35 years at SYC during which Mike and his crew (many who have sailed with him for 20 years or more) have sailed a number (6) of yachts to an impressive winning record – 19 separate Divisional Championships at SYC – more than any other Skipper – and, among other results, the second place overall in the Sydney Hobart.



In accepting the award, Mike highlighted how important the Club is to him, the friendships and camaraderie offered in the Club.

Stirrer of the Year was awarded to **Stephen (Harpo) Harper** – recognising his unfailing good humour, his capacity to have an opinion on just about everything, and willingness to hop in and help just about anyone anytime.



The **Members Survey** was completed in June. 425 Members took part which represents around 17% of the total membership. Importantly, approx. 25% of Senior and 15% of Crew members responded. Ninety percent (90%) of respondents are satisfied or very satisfied with the Club, compared to an average of 81% at other Clubs. It is also a very positive survey result that 48% of respondents are very satisfied with the Club, which is 21 percentage points above the average of 27% found at comparable Clubs.

There is a strong sense of pride coming through the data with between 70-80% of respondents

telling us they would recommend SYC to other club members, family and friends. 91% of Respondents rated the staff excellent or very good in being welcoming and friendly.

Similarly, the comments provided were overwhelmingly positive and constructive. Where there were negative comments, each one of these will be personally followed up by the CEO or a Flag

Officer. Additionally, all suggestions are being assessed by the relevant Committees and where practical and feasible will be implemented.

More details of the survey results are up on the web.

Our efforts to find a replacement for **Endeavour III** continue. We are assessing a number of boats on the market that suit our specification, although asking prices are above our target we will keep negotiating!

Finally, the **Annual Ball** was held on 19 July with some 160 Members enjoying the Las Vegas theme and the performance by "Elvis" and a troupe of Showgirls. The whole night was a huge success and a great tribute to Susan Cooper and her Social Committee who organised the night and decorated the room. As always Naomi was everywhere at once making sure it went without a hitch. Congratulations to the team.

Some **Member movements** of note include Peter Turrell and his fishing mates are in the US for a fishing competition. They will call on San Diego Yacht Club and present our Burgee to the Commodore. Terry Hall and Ade are about to commence the Indonesian Yacht Rally, leaving Darwin next Saturday – check out the blog at HACO.com.au/beau.

I look forward to seeing you down at "Sandy"!

Regards

CHRIS CARLILE
Commodore

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SAIL UPDATE

How quick time flies when you are part of a great Club with the facilities that we have available to us, with the growing support from our members, it makes celebrating SYC's 5th Birthday a breeze. Happy Birthday Sandringham Yacht Club.

As the cooler months roll on and as we move away from the shortest day of the year, the Mercedes-Benz Brighton Winter Series is currently underway across all of our fleets. These series are seeing some exciting and close racing occurring between all divisions. With the bigger than normal movement of boats both in and out of the Club we are seeing different configurations of racing patterns and results. It's enjoyable to see both the Skippers and their crews enjoying different competitive competition.

With the ever increasing demands and changes on our time, we have completed the 2014 – 2015 Sailing calendar which incorporates some of the suggestions that were given at the well-attended annual Keelboat open discussion forum. It was also very clear that our members are saying that they

J24 SERIES UPDATE

Our One Design Winter Sprint Series has seen a new format working very well! The J24 Association of Victoria paid a block entry that included all of the J24s at SYC. The response has been fantastic and winter doesn't seem to be bothering the skippers and crew at all. Having said that...There's been a couple of windless days and one gale that brought a cancellation of all racing and that has somewhat hampered the effective number of completed races in the first four designated race days but hey, we were all there ready to rumble.

Important news is that both J24 youth boats are now skippered and crewed! Freya Vickery has worked hard with the owners, Club members, John Neville and Simon Grain together with SIDETRACKED who sponsor one of the craft and we now can announce that Tom Trotman will be in charge of JIVE (SIDETRACKED) and that Brent Smith will look after GATSBY. We extend to them both a huge welcome and wish them a ton of fun on the boats.

DOUG MACGREGOR
President J24 Association Victoria

wish to participate in locally run Club events and the increasing numbers are reflecting these trends. Thank you to all that gave up their time and provided the suggestions that continues to see the sailing at SYC move from strength to strength.

The Sail Committee Winter Information Nights are continuing to see good solid numbers of people attending, but even more pleasing is that these are increasing. With only three nights left, please ensure that the following dates are locked into your calendars. These are Thursday 31 July, Thursday 28 August and Thursday 25 of September. Watch the SYC website and eNews for more information.

Finally, Congratulations to Scarlet Runner, Rob Date and crew Tim Kenner, Ben Howland, Jessica Sweeney, Brett Averay, Charlie Hawes, Rowan Disco Leaper, Samantha Chandler and David Snoad who have won the 2014 Pacific Cup race from California to Hawaii. Enjoy your Sailing

ASHLEY TREBILCOCK
Club Captain Sail

INTERMEDIATES UPDATE

Over the past months there has been some small yet significant changes made to what was once known as the Intermediate Committee. Perhaps the most obvious change lies in the name; what was known at the Intermediates Committee is now titled the Young Members Committee, however there is far more than just a change of name. The changes that have been made have aligned the objectives of the committee with those identified in the Club's strategic plan.

Representing a broader group of members now ranging from 18 to 40 years old, we aim to increase the retention of juniors, aid the transition of Intermediate through to Senior and recruit new young members. To achieve this we organise and facilitate events, activities and opportunities both on and off the water for our members. Already existing programs on offer include the J24 youth boats, the Youth Match Racing Program, Twilight sailing and a series of social nights including the recently started 'last Friday of the month drinks' in the Members' Bar!

By now some of you may have seen the posters up around the Club advertising the SYC House of Horrors Party on Friday 5 September in the Port Phillip Room. We encourage and invite ALL members to attend what is shaping up to be a great night packed full of fun and entertainment. For those keen to keep up to date with all of our latest news, simply follow our Facebook page.

FREYA VICKERY
Young Members Committee

VOLUNTEER RACE MANAGEMENT UPDATE

Most sailing Clubs are run by volunteers, who fulfil a wide range of roles both on and off the water to help make the sport fun, safe, accessible, and affordable for people of all backgrounds, ages, and abilities.

Sandringham Yacht Club believes in keeping with its policy of providing Club Members and its visitors the best people for the roles and Victoria has long been hailed as the leader in Sailing Race Management, thanks to the likes of brothers' Kevin and Ross Wilson, who are second to none when it comes to running major sailing events and rain, hail, or shine, SYC wants to continue that tradition.

You don't have to be an expert to get involved. New volunteers can help on our Committee Boat, scribing finish times, pulling flags or timing to mark laying to assisting in one of our rescue boats. There are many different roles available both on and off the water to suit all level of skill and/or abilities. Almost every weekend races are held at Sandringham Yacht Club just outside the breakwater. For those with an interest, there is the opportunity to work and learn from some of the best race management at Sandy!

Sandringham Yacht Club are running some major regattas during summer 2014-15 which you may like to get involved in:

- 2014 Sail Sandy
- ISAF Sail Melbourne World Cup
- O'pen BIC National Regatta
- Kingston Sprint Series and
- Farr 40 State Titles

There are many duties associated with, and a big number of volunteers are requested for, all these events. Whether you are relatively in-experienced or fully qualified, we would very much like to hear from you.

Sandringham Yacht Club has a dedicated volunteers section on your website for more details but in the meantime, please don't hesitate to contact the Boating Department via boating@syc.com.au, call 9599 0922 or drop passed the office and we can give you all the information you need to become part of this wonderful team.

Additionally, Sail Committee presents Winter Information Night, Thursday 31 July with Bruce Humphries on the practical aspects of Race Management.

Bruce Humphries has been involved in the keelboat side of Race Management since 1999 (his first Worlds) and was asked to join SYC's Sail Committee as the Race Management representative in 2005 when John Chatham was Sail Captain. This role has evolved considerably as Race Management became more serious, the personnel in the Boating Department changed and more people became involved in Race Management.

There are many duties associated with running an on-water event and SYC's indispensable resource, State Race Officer Bruce Humphries, is coming to share his knowledge, understanding and skill, for anyone who wants to learn about the practical aspects of Race Management, which only comes from Bruce's experience and education.

The session will cover:

- **SIGNALLING:** Flag Y, Displaying the course, Starting, Postponement signals, Attention signal, Warning signal, Preparatory signal, One minute to start, Sighting & calling the line, Individual recall, General recall.... Often it is impossible to lay an ideal Start Line however the start is a very important part of any Sailing Race. It is important that it be fair and accurate to give all competitors an equal chance of success. It is important to understand how the signalling system operates – it is inherited from the navies of the world. A signal flag when displayed tells you what is going to happen. When it is removed (the executive signal), the fleet carry out the order. Most of all... the signal must be displayed on time!

- **PLANNING THE COURSE:** The ability to shorten courses is a vital tool for the race officer when the breeze drops and time is running out. The race officer, when contemplating a shortening of the course, needs to have a complete picture of where all the boats are in the race, relative to their division and marks already rounded. In fleets of 60 or more boats in three divisions in light airs this can be a surprisingly complex task.

- **WEATHER INTERPRETATION:** As any sailor will tell you, perhaps the greatest uncertainty and most significant factor in sailing is the weather and so it is with race management. Weather influences almost every aspect of the race officer's job from the selection of courses to the management of the actual race. A course needs to be selected or set to suit the wishes of the sailors, the time available, the requirements of the trophy being contested, the boats involved and with regard to what the weather is doing and perhaps most importantly, what it will do over the duration of the race.

- **USE OF PENALTY FLAGS:** With good race management and careful planning, the use of penalty signals can be greatly reduced. The competition format used can help reduce the length of the start line and the number of boats starting to more manageable proportions. The larger the fleet, the longer is the line and the greater the use of penalty signals. Poor line management sometimes results in an inappropriate use of penalty flags. It is good practice and fair to the competitors not to use a penalty flag for the first attempt to start a race. If they haven't done anything wrong then why should they be penalised?!

Round up your crew and come and join us, 7.30pm in the Training Auditorium, Thursday 31 July.

Regards,

THE BOATING DEPARTMENT TEAM
Sandringham Yacht Club

OFF THE BEACH UPDATE

What a special night enjoyed by all
Presentation Night, Friday 13 June, thanks to the Rohan family and Cath Furey. This year's theme was TV personalities and for the first time, that I have experienced, almost everybody dressed up for the occasion. A feature of the night was how well our crowd behaved when the presentations were announced – a point noted by Vice Commodore Kate Mitchell and General Committee member Alistair Murray. Our warmest congratulations to major trophy winners:

- Full season handicap, Optimist – Valda White Trophy – Matthew Goss
- Aggregate handicap, Int Cadet – Ron White Family Trophy – Matilda Davis and Molly Furey
- Season handicap, Int Cadet – Hamilton Wilson Trophy – Jack Furey and James Sampson
- Full season outright, Optimist – Graeme Disney Cup – Natalie Coman
- Full season outright, Int Cadet – Weatherly Trophy – Julian Sasson, Phillip George, Andrew Sampson
- Tasar Club Champions – Paul and Bronwyn Ridgway
- Green Fleet most improved – Luke Allen
- Best first year skipper – Skip Jack Trophy – Jack Furey
- Best first year crew – Ivan Mortimer Trophy – James Sampson
- Grit and determination – Mark Seeley Award – Matilda Davis
- Most consistent trier – Alma Howell Award – Angus Rae
- Most improved junior – Ron White Trophy – Lachlan Coman
- Most consistent crew – Unamara Award – Phillip George
- Best girl skipper – Mermaid Trophy – Grace Endersbee
- Best junior sailor – City Of Bayside

- Award – Anna Phillip
- Leadership / sportsmanship – David Shaw Memorial Medal – Julian Sasson
- Junior club captain award – Dylan Rohan
- Junior sailor of the year for contribution to junior sailing at SYC – Morrison Award – Dylan Rohan
- Club captains award for outstanding voluntary contribution to OTB sailing – Terry George
- Best dressed adults – Stephen and Amanda Aulich (Fred and Wilma Flintstone)
- Chris and Cath Furey (uncle Fester and Morticia)
- Best dressed juniors – Grace Endersbee

With a very special thank you to Dave Suda for his very frank recalling of his sailing career to date.

Future Dates – please mark these important dates in your calendar

- Friday 26 September, 6:30pm – new members and pie night – special guest speaker TBA
- Saturday 4 October, from 9.00am - Opening Day
- Saturday 18 + Sunday 19 October – Sail Sandy Regatta
- Sunday 26 October, from 9:00am – Discover Sailing Day
- Saturday 15 and Sunday 16 November – Kingston Sprint Series Regatta (inc the VLA Championships)

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



RECREATIONAL BOATING UPDATE

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

Winter does seem to have hit with a vengeance, after our longer than expected summer, which is just as well as our focus is more on off-water activities throughout July and August.

Our Recreational Boating Presentation Breakfast was well attended with just short of 120 people enjoying the ambient warmth of the open fire with the spectacular back drop of the Sunday Sailors and One Design racers from the Members' Bar.

Once again, we had a fantastic array of raffle prizes very kindly donated by Tommy Raft, Bill and Gill Stubbs, Hugh and Val Pilsworth, not to mention the many local businesses that Eloise brilliantly engaged to contribute to the event. All funds raised by the raffle go straight back into Recreational Boating for future events, so thank you to all the members and guests who dug deep for the occasion.

Procaffé were once again very generous sponsors of the event with a **Lucky Door Prize** of a COMO Coffee Machine and plenty of pods of coffee which was won by Ronnie and Pete! In addition, Procaffé donated the coffee beans for the Breakfast coffees as well as a special offer of a Coffee Machine for a year to anyone who put their business card in the barrel.

Yves Morvan from Éclair, for the third year in succession created the most amazing croissants and pastries to complement the Breakfast. Coffee and pastries combined with the perfect and plentiful breakfast from Kol and the team proved to be a great recipe.

Paul Liddiatt was the very deserving winner of the Recreational Boating Club Person of the Year. The Committee felt we should also recognize the entire Liddiatt family – Pauline and their two gorgeous daughters, Zoe and Amy who attend most Recreational Boating events in rain, hail or shine – not to mention 20 knots SW all the way to Martha's Cove! The Liddiatt family generously donate their time to help in all types of capacity which is a real asset to our Club and the very reason why they so deserve this acknowledgement.

The Annual Wooden Spoon Award went to Steve "Harpo" Harper. It certainly has been a big year for Harpo who also won the SYC Stirrer of the Year Award at the Ball. Please offer your congratulations when you next see Harpo around the Club – we are sure he'll be more than pleased to give you a good belly laugh and tell you his stories!

We had a very important announcement to make at the Breakfast. SYC member Fred Heavey has generously donated TackTrackers to the Club! TackTracker is a comprehensive GPS tracking system for sailing (and other water sports) so not only

will our Recreational Boating benefit while participating in NavRally type events and more, but our Off The Beach Fleet, Match Racing training groups, JDS squads and many more sailors of SYC will hugely benefit from the TackTrackers.

Many thanks go to Hugh Pilsworth for composing the quiz and testing our knowledge with the Quiz trivia questions. We had a tie-break between Hendo, Mitch and Chris with a score of 12 out of a possible 15! Congratulations to Chris Thompson and all at the table who were rewarded with Jacob's Creek wines and our new SYC Recreational Boating stemless wine glasses.

As we move through July and August, we are getting closer to our summer program of events:-

- Guest Speaker Night on Thursday 28 August on the topic of Marine Weather, hosted in conjunction with Sail
- Wine Tour on Saturday 23 August where we are heading off to a tour of Werribee Mansion and the Gardens, followed by wine tasting and lunch at Shadowfax
- Opening Day Sail Past on Sunday 4 October
- Guest Speaker Night with fishing hints and tips on Wednesday 22 October
- Fishing Competition on Saturday 25 October (moved to Saturday in 2014 as Discover Sail Day is on Sunday 26 October this year)
- Two Cruises in Company in November (Cup Weekend 1 to 4 November and 29 and 30 November to coincide with the Queenscliff Music Festival).
- Guest Speaker Night on Wednesday 12 November – Philip Middlemiss on Wyndham Harbour, Werribee (another upcoming Bay destination)
- Christmas Party on Wednesday 3 December (ISAF falls on our regular scheduled date this year so we have moved the date forward)

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 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

Members' Bar

Daily Themed Meals



MONDAY

BARRA= MONDAY

\$15.0

Available Lunch + Dinner

THURSDAY

KIDS MENU + SOFT DRINK \$7.5

WORLD PARMA + PINT NIGHT \$20.0

Available Dinner

TUESDAY

STEAK NIGHT

250g Steak & Chips

\$16.0

Available Dinner

SATURDAY

PIZZA + PERONI \$18.0

Available Dinner

WEDNESDAY

CURRY IN A HURRY

\$14.5

Available Lunch + Dinner

SUNDAY

ROAST OF THE DAY

\$17.0

Available Lunch + Dinner

upcoming events at syc



AUGUST



ROCK 'N' ROLL NIGHT

Friday 15 August

Dance Lessons ~ 1900 - 2000

Main Event ~ 2000 - 0000

Port Phillip Room

Dust off your dancing shoes and get ready to Rock 'n' Roll the night away! There will be dancing lessons for those keen to learn some new moves before the night really kicks off with renowned Rock 'n' Roll band THE VINCENTS!

\$25 per person (dance lessons & band).

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



RECREATIONAL BOATING WINE TOUR & PICNIC

Saturday 23 August

Get away with your fellow members for a memorable Winter 'Magical Mystery' Winery Bus escape and enjoy each other's company as you wander through the vineyards, wineries and cellar doors, swirling, sniffing and (of course) drinking your way through some of Australia's top wines, eat some delicious local edibles and have a good ol' chat about what's in your glass.

Time: 10am the fun bus leaves SYC, returning approx. 5pm

Bookings: via syc.com.au

Limited to 40 places only

Cost: \$60.00 per head



SEAFOOD COOK OFF

Friday 29 August @ 1900

Harbour View Restaurant

Executive Chef, Kol Gemmell and his team have constructed an exciting degustation menu (7 courses) incorporating a range of unique seafood dishes. You be the judge as to which Chef is crowned the "2014 KING PRAWN".

\$65 - Members

\$75 - Non-members

See syc.com.au for the menu and more information.

Bookings essential call 9599 0999.

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 or 9599 0999

Cost: \$15.00 per head

SEPTEMBER



FATHER'S DAY

Sunday 1 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.

Bookings essential 9599 0999.



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 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.



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