

SAIL UPDATE

As we have just completed Aggregate # 9, the Ken King Trophy, and with only one more Aggregate to close out the Summer 2013 / 2014 season, the run to the finish for some boats within various divisions will make for some interesting racing. It will come down to who can sail better on the day. Good luck to all yachts.

Congratulations to the following yachts for winning the Ken King trophy which is awarded to the winners of only the Performance Handicap:

- ◆ 1st Division—XLR8—Ray Shaw
- ◆ 2nd Division—Alchemist—Michael Manson
- ◆ 3rd Division—Fast Company—Albert Doggett / Daniel Edwards

Over the latter part of the season we have been receiving requests from Skippers from the Wednesday Wonders, Twilight and Sunday Sailors that they would like the opportunity to race their boats in a fleet start around laid marks with no spinnakers. So as a trial run we issued a Notice to Competitors for Aggregate #9 to include their request as Division 4. Unfortunately we had only one boat enter this race and with a minimum requirement of four starters with three finishers, we had to cancel this Division. At least we gave it a go.

With Sunday 13 April approaching, we are once again finalising the team for a chance to compete for the much sought after Association Cup. We came close last year but once again the Cup eluded SYC. The format for this year's event is the same as last year that limits the teams to three IRC boats and three AMS boats. I wish all yachts that represent SYC the best of luck and fair sailing to bring the Cup home to SYC.

On Sunday 30 March we have Day 2 of the WISC Regatta commencing at 10:30. We anticipate we will complete three races across the day to decide this year winning yachts. Later that evening we will be conducting the formal presentation of prizes with a sit down meal in the Harbour View Restaurant. Once again, good luck to all competitors.

Entries are now open for our closing event of the Summer Series with this year's Club Marine SYC Centenary Trophy Cup on Saturday 26 April. Entry is open to IRC, AMS and PHS yachts, along with the J24 one-design keelboats to compete in a number of fleet racing events as well as all other vessels interested in participating in a family-friendly rally style event. This year we have included a new division of Classic yachts. The event will be run across several courses on Port Phillip, in the vicinity of SYC, with IRC and AMS yachts to get away first from 10:00. The regatta is designed so there is something to please everyone. As not everyone wants to race hard at the end of the season, the event will also be offering a pursuit-start event which will be a bit more laidback to include cruisers and a non-spinnaker division.

Please ensure you submit your entry online via our website but also be aware of the differing start times for each of these events. If you are unable to get yourself onto a boat to participate in the racing but want to be part of the festivities, we are always looking for volunteers to assist us either on land or on the water. If you can spare us some time please make yourself known to the Boating Office. At the conclusion of the day's events, please make yourself available for the presentation of Trophies while enjoying some food and music on the Northern podium.

Three other key dates to lock into your calendars are the Wednesday Wonders Presentation Night on Friday 2 May, the Sail Presentation Night on Friday 23 May and the Sail Winter Information Night with the Keelboat Forum to voice any improvements you would like to see across our calendar is locked in for the Thursday 29 May at 19:30.

Enjoy your Sailing,

ASHLEY TREBILCOCK Club Captain Sail

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS



Car Boot Sale

SATURDAY 29 MARCH FROM 10:00—12:00

Car Park Undercroft



Cruise In Company

SATURDAY 29 MARCH

to Docklands



Keeping Cancer at Bay Race + BBQ

SATURDAY 29 MARCH

Northern Podium



Women In Sail Challenge Presentation

SUNDAY 30 MARCH @ 1830

Harbour View Restaurant



Mercedes-Benz Brighton Thursday Twilight

THURSDAY 3 APRIL @ 18:00

Last Blast!

Rec Boating Guest Speaker Night

WEDNESDAY 9 APRIL @ 19:30

Training Auditorium

Whalley Cup

SUNDAY 13 APRIL

90th Year Celebrations



OTB Easter Pilgrimage

FRIDAY 18—MONDAY 21 APRIL

Metung Yacht Club



Club Marine SYC Centenary Trophy Regatta

SATURDAY 26 APRIL

End of Season Regatta

Wednesday Wonders Presentation Night

FRIDAY 2 MAY @ 19:00

Port Phillip Room



Fishing Challenge

SUNDAY 4 MAY

Ken King Centre



SYC's Living in the 70's Night

FRIDAY 9 MAY @ 19:30

Port Phillip Room



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



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COMMODORE'S UPDATE

As our summer season starts to wind down and we head into Easter there are a number of important events coming up:

- ◆ The Club Marine SYC Centenary Trophy Regatta is on Saturday 26 April. This regatta provides opportunities for all our fleet to participate in a variety of events – please try and join us on the water
- ◆ The Easter Regatta at Metung is the final blast for our juniors and is always well attended by the dinghy fleet and just as many parents and “older” or past juniors
- ◆ The final Thursday Twilight (with spinnakers) will be held on Thursday 3 April – the growing twilight fleet has been a standout this season and has generally been blessed with great weather
- ◆ Wednesday Wonders celebrate their season with presentation night on Friday 2 May after another highly successful season – at least the good weather since Christmas has made up for some shocking stuff pre- Christmas

The Club's support for Sandringham Hospital (who, incidentally, are celebrating their 50th Anniversary) saw the “ Mad Paddle” finish at SYC after the 8km paddle from Altona. It was great to see so many of the Clubs supporters join in the event –Felicity Fredrico, Andrew Robb, Laurie Evens, and Murray Thompson. The event raised over \$35,000 and our contribution was in providing support boats for the paddle (with thanks to Billy Stubbs and the Rec boating team) and the BBQ at the finish.

General Committee has established a Heritage sub-committee whose role is:

- ◆ To advise General Committee on the records that should be maintained and the manner in which we maintain them
- ◆ how we dress the clubhouse including what items are displayed and
- ◆ the management of the library

This sub-committee currently comprises the Rear Commodore Rob Davis, Club Librarian Geoff Henderson, Club Historian Graeme Disney, plus four senior members: Phil Strong, Graeme Watt, Rowan Simpson and Ralph White.

Membership renewal has again arrived and there is a great prize offered by Virgin Australia if you renew in March – the thought of a get-away to Hamilton Island will become more attractive as the weather gets colder!

Yachting Victoria are inviting nominations for the 2014 Yachting Victoria Awards (nominations close on Thursday 1 May). Please let the Boating department or the Club Captains know if you feel someone is particularly deserving. Details of the categories are on the website.

Finally, the levy year runs out after this weekend so do try and get down to the Club to ensure all your F'n'B vouchers have been well consumed! We will provide more seating on Sunday evening if there is the great demand that we have seen in recent weeks.

I look forward to seeing you around the Club.

CHRIS CARLILE Commodore

RECREATIONAL BOATING UPDATE

Welcome all Recreational Boating members both power and sail to the March and April 2014 edition of In & Around. As we move from summer into autumn, Recreational Boating activity is moving up a gear with a very busy agenda.

To recap on March, we held two major events that have come and gone but not without great participation and enjoyment. The first was the Cruise In Company – Bass Strait to Apollo Bay and King Island, led by our Cruise Director, Mal Billings. 11 boats participated in the event, some going to Apollo Bay and the rest doing the entire King Island Cruise. There will be a Guest Speaker Night in the Training Auditorium on Wednesday 9 April to learn all about the ‘behind the scenes’ preparation that goes into organising Cruising events. A very special thank you to Mal for his great organisation and leadership in making this Cruise such a great success.

The second major event held in March was the Investigator Rally in a Family Cruise format down to Martha's Cove on Saturday 22 and return Sunday 23 March. With three options to choose from – 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. We had 18 boats entered, with 13 boats braving the brisk westerly with close to a 2m swell which meant that most people focused on their seamanship to reach Martha's Cove. Special recognition goes to Paul and Pauline Liddiatt, and their two young daughters who went down on their open Rib as well as Dolphin Play and Halycon despite the elements! The group enjoyed the destination of Martha's Cove as well as the camaraderie amongst the participants. Well done to Peter Hickey and Michael Kostos who have rejuvenated the Investigator which will definitely be on the Recreational Boating calendar for 2015.

Upcoming events include the Car Boot 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.

On April 13, the Whalley Cup NavRally Regatta is open to competitors from all Clubs, including Sandringham Yacht Club, Royal Victorian Motor Yacht Club and Mordialloc Motor Yacht Club. 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!

Nowadays the Whalley Cup NavRally regatta is an annual motor race between Sandringham Yacht Club, Mordialloc Motor Yacht Club, Royal Victorian Motor Yacht Club, Beaumaris Motor Yacht Squadron and Carrum Sailing and Motor Boat Club, hosted consecutively by SYC, RVMYC and MMYC conducted in the waters of Port Phillip adjacent to each of the host's Club however the Cup can be won by any Club. TackTracker system will be used with results and presentation BBQ following the event. Our thanks go to Mike Stahmer for creating the course this year and Royal Victoria Motor Yacht Club for lending the TackTracker system.

Please keep a placeholder in your diaries for Saturday 26 April, when we will hold the end of season Club Marine SYC Centenary Trophy Fun Family Rally alongside our Keelboat fleets – more details to follow soon on the event.

On Sunday 4 May, we are holding the Fishing Challenge as another opportunity for our enthusiastic fishing members to get out on the water then share stories and recipes together of their catch back at the Ken King Centre over a well earned cleansing ale. We do recognize we may not catch the big 6kg+ Big Red (unlike the official Fishing Competition in October). However, this time of the year produces some great lure fishing opportunities in Port Phillip Bay, with plenty of Australian salmon, pinkie snapper, squid, bream and flathead waiting to be caught.

Other upcoming events include:-

- ◆ 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 Winter Information Nights.
- ◆ Presentation Breakfast on Sunday 13 July
- ◆ Winery Tour on Saturday 23 August

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

Bring a friend day. Sunday 2 March. After the astonishing success of Discover Sailing Day earlier in the season, the bring a friend day was a more modest affair. A handful of families enjoyed the OTB hospitality and many thanks to Dylan Rohan and Phillip George for giving up their JDS session to take out the visitors for a mornings sail on the Club Pacers. A lot of fun and a few capsizes followed by a welcome BBQ made for a very pleasant morning for all.

Last OTB Twilight Bash. Wednesday 19 March saw our last opportunity to enjoy sailing midweek and it was pleasing to get such a good turnout. As well as the usual suspects, we were pleased to welcome Sam Dubbin in his Contender and a new Tasar family in 1975. It was great to see Jack beating his dad off the line in most starts however waterline length always rules in the end. Thanks must also go to RO in training Cath Furey, who did a great job running the start boat. A hearty BBQ was enjoyed by all at the conclusion of sailing and we all look forward to next season's Twilight Series kicking off again during October.

Green Fleet Cadet morning. Sunday 16 March saw a new innovation for Green Fleet. Instead of running this in the Club Optimists we chose to run the session with the International Cadets. This was in response to many families asking about the next step in sailing. When you have had regular sailing in Optimists the progression to owning your own Opti is reasonably straight forward. Not so with 2 handed sailing as there are more options so we decided to let our youngest sailors enjoy the Cadet experience for the morning. The breeze was a bit willing and there were some capsizes, however all faces were smiling at the end of the session and great fun had by all.

Mad Paddle. Also on the morning of Sunday 16 March, the Stand Up Paddle (SUP) community staged a fundraising paddle across the bay from Altona – approx. 8.5 nautical miles. The paddle is held every second year to raise vital funds for the Sandringham Hospital. The Club was very pleased to provide support vessels to ensure the safety of the competitors on such a long, open water paddle. The trip was made even more hazardous by having to cross the main shipping channel, which can only be done under the authority of Melbourne Ports. 44 paddlers took approx. three hours to complete the paddle and eventually raised more than \$30,000 for Sandy Hospital. Many thanks to the volunteers and supporters that made the paddle and after function a huge success.

Easter at Metung. Plans are well in hand for the 53rd Annual Easter pilgrimage to Metung, April 18 to 21. It's not too late to join the fun, simply go to the SYC website to book. The Easter Regatta brings Metung Yacht Club and Sandringham Yacht Club together and this year will celebrate its 53rd Anniversary. This is a great opportunity for the whole family to make new friends and renew acquaintances. Our host, the Metung Yacht Club, is looking forward to another great Easter event.

Yours in Sailing

GLENN TAYLOR Club Captain Off The Beach