

IN  SANDRINGHAM YACHT CLUB
AROUND



November / December 2014



From the Commodore

November has been such a busy month at Sandy.

A very significant development for the Club has been the acquisition of a new Committee boat.

Immediate Past Commodore Chris Carlile took the initiative for this project and worked very hard to raise contributions from the membership. He then headed a selection committee to find the right boat.

After an extensive search a Steber 43 was chosen which meets, indeed exceeds, all our specifications.

Graeme Disney will bless the new boat on Sunday 7 December at 12:30 at the Ken King Centre. It would be great to see lots of members at the ceremony to thank Chris and his team for such a great effort.

If you see Graeme Watt and Rob Ware around the Club please congratulate them. Wattie has been reaccredited as an International Race Officer and Rob as an International Juror. We are very fortunate at Sandy to have such a high calibre of Race Management volunteers and we appreciate the effort that goes into keeping up such high credentials. Well done gentlemen.

For those who use the launch ramp and Off The Beach area you will have noticed a new landing on the Eastern side of the ramp. This was another Chris Carlile initiative that has come to fruition. Our ramp has always been double width but the addition of the new landing means two boats may be launched at the same time. There is the additional bonus of having a more convenient area to tie up ribs that are in use by the OTB Race Management. The landing already is being informally referred to as 'Carlile's Landing'!

While in the OTB area, another addition to our Club has been the purchase of some Stand Up Paddle Boards. They were bought initially as an alternative water activity when dinghy sailing is blown out but I'm sure it will be an activity embraced by many Club members. All members may borrow the boards at no cost by booking them with the Boating Office on a 'first come, first served' policy. The area they may be used in is well defined and the marina area is strictly off limits. I watched some younger members using them on Discover Sailing Day and it looked lots of fun.

A great deal of effort went into making Discover Sailing Day on 16 November a success – but the weather was against us. We still had over 250 people come to our Club and get a taste of sailing. A big thank you to all the volunteers who were such great ambassadors for our Club on the day with a special thankyou to CARPE DIEM (Paul Commins) and DEBONNAIRE (Phil Gomez).

As I write this, the Club is gearing up for Sail Melbourne. There are over 400 entries from around the world and it is exciting to see so many great sailors competing in our playground. I know you will extend a warm Sandy welcome to these visitors. Once again our members are fantastic at volunteering and combined with volunteers from around the bay more than 200 will be helping out over the course of this week. If you would like to be part of this exciting event talk to Monica in the Boating Department.

A long way off but an early entry for your diary is Opening Day 2015. I make mention of it because the AFL Grand Final has been scheduled to the first Saturday in October – our Opening Day. The clash was discussed at General Committee and the decision taken to leave Opening Day as is but embrace the Grand Final theme. We will have the Sail Past earlier so all can be back in the Clubhouse watching the game on big screens throughout the Club during the afternoon. So if you usually spend the day with friends and family, bring them to the Club instead – we will make sure there is a big crowd atmosphere and lots of fun.

December looks like being just as busy as November – there is just so much happening in our Club – I hope you are enjoying it.

KATE MITCHELL

Commodore



Sail Report

Welcome all keelboat sailors to our November / December edition of In & Around. With the Mercedes-Benz Brighton Summer Series well underway we have had some nice breezes combined with a couple of race abandonments (including our Benito's Treasure Trophy race) which is quite typical for the October- November months.

Fleet numbers have been strong over all of our calendar events with 40+ boats participating in our Saturday Series, 40+ boats in Wednesday Wonders, 50+ boats in our Thursday Twilights, some 25-30

boats in our Sunday Sailors series also a further 10 boats in our new Classic Plastic and Tumblehome series. These are great participation numbers and these events would not be possible and operate so smoothly if it wasn't for the fantastic support from our on water and off water volunteers, thank you.

All members should now have been in receipt of our Club Diary which shows all of our racing dates and various keelboat activities which have been planned for this season; an online calendar is also available on our Club website: <http://www.syc.com.au/calendar/>.

The 2015 Worldwide Ticketing WISC Regatta Notice of Race and entry is now available, please click here for details: <http://www.syc.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2009/10/WISC-Challenge-2015.pdf>.

We welcome many new yachts including their crew and families to our Club and I would encourage all sailors to introduce themselves to our new members and show them the hospitality SYC is famous for. Recent new boats:

- A CUNNING PLAN - Jon Lechte
- ALESSANDRA - Andrew Rowley
- AURORA - Richard Wormald
- BELLE - Doug Painter & Damian Thomas
- CHALLENGE - Chris Mrakas
- CHRISTELLA - Greg Clark
- JOUST - Rod Warren
- LITTLE MISS SUNSHINE - Sam Pavic
- MAXIMUMM - Gary Fisher
- NIKSTAR - Peter McLoughlin
- SHILO - Doug Jackson
- SHIMMER - Jacalyn & Steve Twentyman
- SILVER LINING - Andrew McGrath
- SUNBEAM - David Ascott
- WILDCARD - Neville Hutchinson

A friendly reminder to all sailors to please ensure you are complying with both the Racing Rules of Sailing and Liquor Licensing Laws by having any of your crew who are not SYC members complete a Day Pass on any calendar race day (these are available from our Boating Office) as random gate audits will take place to ensure compliance. Otherwise encourage your visitor to become a member of our Club, there are various membership options which represent great value, available from our website: <http://www.syc.com.au/syc-membership/>

Our Discover Sailing Day, held Sunday 16 November, with a strong register of some 250 participants. Unfortunately the weather was not very kind to us with rain squalls early and a solid SW breeze. None-the-less we managed to introduce many people to sailing. The Club's Beneteau fleet proved popular as did both DEBONNAIRE and CARPE DIEM who were very active on the day giving most people their first taste of sailing. Many thanks must go to the fantastic effort on the day by the many

volunteers wearing the prominent blue shirts who showcased our great club and its fantastic facilities to a wide range of potential sailors and hopefully future members. There were many comments about the friendly atmosphere of the day.

Sail Committee are currently reviewing our safety auditing process. We have been gathering useful information from other major yacht clubs Australia-wide in relation to the auditing processes undertaken by them. This is to ensure we remain at the forefront of sailing safety and to ensure SYC can provide the best possible guidance to all of our boat owners in relation to their boat preparation and safety requirements moving forward.

As this is the final newsletter before the Christmas, I wish all the competitors participating in the races south the very best of luck. It is looking like there will be a strong SYC representation in the Sydney–Hobart, West Coaster, East Coaster and Devonport races to whom I am sure all members will be cheering our boats home. Good Luck.

Will see you all around the Club and out on the water over the lead up to the break.

Yours in sailing

JASON CLOSE

Club Captain - Sail



Recreational Boating Report

Hello and welcome to all Sandringham Yacht Club members and in particular those with interests in the recreational boating part of the Club.

Our Guest Speaker Night on Wednesday 22 October, hosted by fishing legend Ian Jones, was well attended with everyone enjoying a very entertaining and informative presentation on how to catch those big snapper in preparation for the following Saturday 25 October Fishing Competition.

So far the spring weather has been fairly kind to us and hasn't affected our on water program too much although the Fishing Competition numbers were down slightly this year as a result of the weather and it being on a Saturday (it will be returning to Sunday next year). I would like to thank our generous sponsors, R Marine Jacksons, Flood Marketing, Bradley Smokers, Offshore Marine

Electronics, B&G (you can still get 50% off the cost of any Scent Blazer product purchased on www.scentblazer.com by using the code SYC50 on the checkout page), Flyfinz Tackle & Books and Paul Worsteling's Tackle World Cranbourne + Mornington for their continued generous sponsorship of this event.

Our Cruise in Company over the Cup long weekend is normally scheduled to go to Geelong and then on to Queenscliff. We had 25 boats registered but the weather was not in our favour with a strong SW wind forecast. In the end we had 11 boats go straight to Queenscliff on the Friday and Phil Spry Bailey and the crew on MAGIC braved the elements and sailed down to join us at QCYC for a BBQ on Saturday night where the winners of the quiz and the most creative menus were announced and prizes awarded. Sunday was a relaxing day with a spot of successful fishing from the end of the wharf. An easy sail home on Monday before a strong Northerly change meant we were able to take part in the Melbourne Cup festivities at the Club on Tuesday.

Our Guest Speaker Night on Wednesday 12 November entitled “Dispersing the Myth behind Nav Rallies” was a very popular night with 50 attendees learning all the tricks of the trade from our Navigation Rally guru Mike Stahmer. This night and the following Novice Navigation Rally on Saturday 15 November, in which 11 boats took part, were set up in response to the SYC survey in which members said they wished to learn more about these fun events. It was pleasing to see both yachts and power boats taking part. For anyone who may have missed the Recreational Boating Guest Speaker Night, Mike Stahmer has generously provided notes for us to view on NavRallies Explained: <http://www.syc.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2014/11/NavRallies-expained.pdf>

So what do we have to look forward to on the Recreational Boating agenda – plenty! At the end of November, the Queenscliff Music Festival is always a popular event and what better way to go there than by boat! To register, click here: <http://www.syc.com.au/recreational/queenscliff-music-festival-2014/>. Our Recreational Boating Christmas Party will finish off the 2014 calendar on Wednesday 3 December, so please put the date in your diaries and again, you need to register! <http://www.syc.com.au/recreational-boating/recreational-boating-news-events/christmas-party/>.

On Saturday 10 January 2015, we kick off the new calendar year with our annual Picnic Raft Up - more details to follow nearer to the time as our destination is very dependent on the weather and wind direction however registrations are open now: <http://www.syc.com.au/recreational-boating/recreational-boating-news-events/recreational-yacht-powerboat-summer-raft-up-picnic/>

All events for 2014 and into 2015 are posted on the Recreational Boating section of the website as well as the marina noticeboard for you to view 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. We wish you all a safe and happy Christmas and New Year!

Mal Billings

Club Captain - Recreational Boating



Off The Beach Report

What a remarkable month we have had to kick off the 2014-2015 Off The Beach sailing season.

Sail Sandy 2014 held over the weekend of 18 – 19 October, has been widely recognized as the best ever by competitors, volunteers and supporters alike. With a regatta record of 210 entries, great weather and outstanding race management, sailors competed in ten divisions based on their YV yardsticks. The overall winner of Sail Sandy 2014 was Steven Case of Royal Geelong Yacht Club sailing his Optimist dinghy ASSASSIN. Runners up overall were Louis Schofield and Peter Allen from Royal Yacht Club of Victoria in their International Cadet JONATHAN L with Brody Riley of McCrae Yacht Club in third place in his Laser 4.7 SPINDRIFT. Ronstan, OTB Marine and Anchor Marine generously supported the Regatta with numerous prizes for which we are extremely grateful.

The success of this year's regatta is largely due to the team of volunteers who worked tirelessly in the lead up to this event as well as over the weekend, and to whom I extend great thanks. Many of the 85 volunteers who assisted over the actual weekend are members not directly involved in the Off The Beach programs and their participation in this event reflects the wonderful support we receive from the whole SYC community. I would particularly like to acknowledge the work of our PRO Steve Aulich and the organizing committee, who spent the previous six months ensuring every detail of the regatta was carefully planned and implemented. A more detailed report on Sail Sandy 2014, along with some fantastic photos can be found at:

<http://www.sail-world.com/Australia/Sailors-rate-Sail-Sandy-2014-a-huge-success!/128026>

The OTB Spring Series has been hugely successful this season with between 30 and 40 boats on the race course each Sunday afternoon, providing terrific racing for all involved and the added advantage of a wonderful spectacle for those enjoying lunch in the bar. Our Wednesday Twilight racing has also commenced with participants and supporters enjoying balmy evenings on the water and a great post-sailing BBQ on Wednesday 29 October to kick off the series.

On Wednesday 12 December two of our SYC OTB members were recognized for their achievements at the annual Leader Newspaper Sports Star Awards. These awards were presented at the Victory Room, Etihad Stadium with the top 100 Melbourne Junior and Senior Leader Newspaper Sports Stars in attendance. Finn sailor, Oliver Tweddell, was awarded the 2014 Bayside Leader Senior Sports Star award and the Overall Senior 2014 Leader Sports Star Award. 13 year old O'pen Bic sailor, Jack Challands, won the 2014 Mordialloc-Chelsea Leader Junior Sports Star award. We extend our congratulations to both Ollie and Jack.

Kingston Sprints Series took place on the weekend of 15 -16 November and we were delighted to host the Victorian Laser Association Port Phillip Championship as part of this regatta. With over 50 entries the competition was once again fierce and the short race format certainly had sailors and Race Management on their toes to complete up to 11 races over two sessions in some divisions. Congratulations to the winners of each division: Harrison Sly and Tom Dwyer (29er), Chris Dance and Peter Hackett (Tasar), Jack Graves (Laser Radial), Tyrone Gowans (Laser 4.7), Julian Sasson and Mischa Suda (International Cadet) and Lachlan Hughes (Optimist).

Planning is in full swing for our OTB Christmas Party on Saturday 20 December, for further details, please click here: <http://www.syc.com.au/off-the-beach/off-the-beach-news-archive/christmas-party/>. We look forward to sharing this evening of fun and festivity with you.

Looking forward into the New Year, make sure you add to your diaries our next Pie Night on Friday 30 January, where we will welcome SYC 470 sailors Tom Klemens and Will Llewellyn to share their experiences competing on the International 470 circuit: <http://www.syc.com.au/off-the-beach-news/otb-pie-night-new-members-induction-friday-30-Jan/>

Sandringham Yacht Club is host to the 2015 O'pen Bic National Titles from 18 – 22 January 2015, with a number of our SYC members competing in this regatta. There are still lots of opportunities to be involved in this event as a volunteer, so please contact the boating office, if you would like to help in any way for more details please click here: <http://www.syc.com.au/off-the-beach-news/open-bic-national-regatta-volunteer-registration/>

Finally, I would like to wish all of our OTB sailors fair winds and safe and successful sailing as they compete in a number of class national championships over the December/January period, both locally and interstate, and particularly to our Tasar sailors competing in the World Championships in Busselton, WA from 2-9 January. Go Sandringham!!!

CATHRYN FUREY

Club Captain- Off The Beach



J24 Report

J24. One Design. Racing at its absolute best.

Sunday 9 November. 14 J24s on the water. 70 Sailors. Blue skies. Perfect winds. Three blistering races. *AND* excellent Race Management. The most active keelboat class on the bay 'giein' it laldy' as they say in Scotland. Was it a State Titles? Was it a National Championship? Was it a regatta? Nope...just a normal J24 Sunday race day!

As predicted, this season is turning out to be like no previous J24 season. The days when Pacemaker would win race after race by ten boat lengths are gone. There are now any one of five boats who can win a race and the latest development is that even some of the historic middle markers are popping up at the pointy end. There now is no boat that is noticeably quicker than any other and the J24s are now producing racing that is all about seamanship, tactics, crew work and reading the shifts. Feel like you are missing out?

Rob Date (Victorian Ocean Racer Of The Year and owner/skipper of SCARLET RUNNER) doesn't, he skippered HYPERACTIVE for a sprint day. Albert Doggett (FAST COMPANY) doesn't, he trimmed on Crackerjack. Geoff Wood (FAST COMPANY and CALM) doesn't, he trimmed on CRACKERJACK earlier in the season. Marissa Chalkley (owns HUSH) doesn't, she crews on JET. Husband Pete Chalkley and Marissa both crewed on CODE VIOLATION in the NSW state titles. Peter Fitzgibbons "Fitzzy" (VELOCE) doesn't, he crews on J FORCE. Joelle Roderick (38 DEGREES) doesn't, she crews on HYPERACTIVE... hey, the list is long and I don't want to lose you dear reader, but you've just got to try this stuff!

Final point: 14 boats on the water at Sandringham Yacht Club. That's more than the J24 Nationals in Sydney earlier this year. It's more than the NSW State Titles held a couple of weeks ago and its 82% of our available racing fleet. Fantastic numbers in anyone's book.

NOTE: There are two J's for sale...both under \$15,000 and one available at the top end. *Just sayin'...*

DOUG MACGREGOR

President J24 Association Victoria



Young Members Report

What a last quarter it has been for the young members and leading into the summer it is only continuing to ramp up. The inaugural young member event for all members of the Club, the 'House of Horrors' Night was a fantastic success. The room looked incredible and from the feedback received to date, next year is already in the diary - theme to be determined! Any ideas welcome.

We were also excited to see so many young members down on Opening Day this year and what a cracker it was. We are maybe a little biased, however we think the young members stole the show and demonstrated how strong the young members group as a whole is. Well done to MARISA who walked away with the boat dress up prize. Well deserved!!

That is what has been, so what is to come? We have launched a Movember campaign to raise money for Prostate and Testicular Cancer and Men's mental health (check the young member Facebook page for details and please like our page), our Christmas Party and we have an exciting new campaign launching in February - top secret at the moment but more details to come... roll on the summer months! Did I say like our Facebook page, cough, cough

www.facebook.com/YoungMembersAtSandringhamYachtClub.

NIGEL FELLOWS-FREEMAN

Young Members Committee

Clubhouse Christmas Trading Hours

	Reception	Boating	Yard
Wednesday 24	9am - 3pm	9am - 5pm	8am - 2pm
Thursday 25	11am - 2pm	Closed	Closed
Friday 26	Closed	Closed	Closed
Saturday 27	9am - 5pm	Closed	8am - 4pm
Sunday 28	9am - 5pm	Closed	Closed
Monday 29	9am - 5pm	9am - 5pm	8am - 4pm
Tuesday 30	9am - 5pm	9am - 5pm	8am - 4pm
Wednesday 31	9am - 3pm	9am - 3pm	8am - 2pm
Thursday 1	Closed	Closed	Closed
Friday 2	9am - 8pm	9am - 5pm	8am - 4pm

	Members' Bar	Harbour View	KKC
Wednesday 24	12pm - 9pm	Lunch + Dinner Bookings	Closed
Thursday 25	Closed	Lunch Bookings only	Closed
Friday 26	10am - 9pm	Closed	8am - 10am
Saturday 27	12pm - 9pm	Dinner Bookings only	Closed
Sunday 28	12pm - 9pm	Lunch Bookings only	Closed
Monday 29	12pm - 9pm	Closed	Closed
Tuesday 30	12pm - 9pm	Lunch + Dinner Bookings	Closed
Wednesday 31	12pm - 1am	Dinner Bookings only	Closed
Thursday 1	12pm - 9pm	Closed	Closed
Friday 2	12pm - 9pm	Lunch + Dinner Bookings	Closed

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The poster features a photograph of Lisa Edwards in a dark, flowing dress and Michael Cristiano in a suit playing an acoustic guitar. They are standing in front of a wooden structure, possibly a pier or dock. The background is a dark, moody sky.