



Mornington Sailing

Edition 9/2010-2011

28th April, 2011

CALENDAR:

- 1st May - Summer Storage ENDS
- 6th May - Ladies Luncheon 12 noon
- 7th May - Crane Slipping Day (alt 8th May)
- 14th May - Slip Slipping Day (alt 15th May)
- 15th May - Volunteers Lunch (see note)
- 21st May - End of Year 'Shindig' (see poster)

From the Editor: Deadline for the next edition will be Saturday 21st May **noon**. Please email contributions to rarmstrong22@bigpond.com

Commodore's Report

After months of planning we finally had the busiest weekends of the year, starting with the Variety Splash.

About twenty boats participating in the event arrived on the Saturday afternoon. Despite concerns about the safety of the harbour, we were blessed with a light southerly and a beautiful 27 degree day. With help from our Committee Members and volunteers the luxury yachts and cruisers were safely put away for the night.

The "Splashers" enjoyed the facilities our refurbished club now offers partying well into the night. The social volunteers had a hearty breakfast prepared for the slightly hung-over "Splashers" prior to their departure, leaving the club with a \$5,000.00 cheque and this year raising well over \$150,000.00 for the Variety Club and their work with children. The Variety Splashers enjoy coming to Mornington Yacht Club for its friendly and informal atmosphere.

The following weekend was the coached Schnapper Point Regatta for the Opti's, Moths and Musto Skiffs. With a beautiful sunny day and no wind Saturday turned out to be a non event. Sunday however saw some great sailing with over 60 Opti's racing in 2 fleets. The Musto and Moth fleets enjoyed close and competitive sailing. The weekend prepared us well for what was to follow.

The three day Schnapper Point Regatta saw us host 120 Opti's, 12-15 Musto Skiffs & Moths and over 30 rescue boats and their crews.

The first day while again hot and sunny produced no wind and while a frustrating day for the racer officers, the competitors enjoyed the beach. Sunday proved to be another story, with a strong front hitting the fleets not long after the race started. If not for the skill and coordination of the rescue crews, the situation could have become dangerous. The races were immediately abandoned and all boats were escorted off the water. The situation was extremely well managed and I commend those involved. With no races complete Monday was going to be a busy day. All fleets saw close and exciting sailing completing 6 to 7 races and producing results in all classes.

The work done by all the volunteers over the 3 weekends shows the strength of the club. Our Social Committee and all those people who helped them produce breakfasts, lunches, dinners & drinks while also raising a significant amount of money for the club.

Our race officers headed by Chris Jackson did an outstanding job in coordinating the events. I thank all those involved for show casing Mornington Yacht Club.

I attended the Commodores' Dinner at Royal Brighton Yacht Club last week. Many of the clubs have applications in for further development and marina extensions. They all seem to be progressing nicely with the assistance of government and local council. On the sailing scene all of the clubs are seeing a transition from Saturday Racing to Social Racing and Destination Sailing.

On Sunday 15th May at 1.00pm I would like to invite all Volunteers who helped over the season to our "Thank you Lunch" to be held at Tony & Bev's - 22 Herbert Street, Mornington. Please contact the office to list your presence for catering purposes.

Tony Donnellan, Commodore

We would like to thank our Sponsors listed below for their very kind donations given to us for the Variety Splash Weekend, Schnapper Point Youth Regatta and the State Titles.

Maria, Somerville Egg Farm,
Eramosa Rd, Somerville 3912

10 dozen eggs

Brendans Bakery,
Wilsons Road, Mornington

Pizza Vouchers x 20 @ \$7.50 each & 6 loaves of bread

Cliffex Meats,
Port Phillip Plaza, Rosebud

\$30 Meat Donated

Tasman Meats,
Nepean Hwy, Rosebud

Large discount on Sausages

Woolworths,
Mornington & Bentons Square

\$50 Voucher each

Coles,
Somerville & Mornington

\$30 Voucher & \$50 Voucher

Kirks Hotel

\$30 Voucher

Bunnings,
Mornington

1 Drill

Lintons Garden Centre
Mt Eliza -

1 Plant

Priceline,
Centro Mornington

2 x 1kg Sunscreen

Ted Ashton

Bosun's Chair

Michael Faraone,
Mornington Golf Club

2 x Golf Lessons, value of \$45 each

Attention All Boat Owners

Reminder to all boat owners that **Summer Storage ends on Sunday 1st May 2011.** Please can everyone who has not arranged **Winter Storage** remove their boat prior to 6.00pm on this date.

Thank you

Mooring for Sale

Please contact Tony Krushka on: 0418 536 979

Do you feel you're looking wrinkled and old?

Has your get up and go, got up and gone?



There's two new solutions in town.... We're bringing the Galvanic Spa 'facial iron' and

ageLOC Vitality to the Melbourne marketplace and we're looking for people who want to recapture their youth, energy and drive – inside and out...



Call for a demonstration and to find out more on 8774 4939 or 0434 412104

Winter Series at Safety Beach Sailing Club

To be held on Sunday morning with lunch afterwards once a month—Keelboards and Trailable Yachts welcome.

For Notice of Race and entry forms please email wdmanning15@gmail.com or ring Bill Manning, Rear Commodore on 0417 171 486.

Social Committee News

Thank you to the social committee and all volunteers who helped with the preparation and serving of food/ beverages over the three weekends of regattas held at MYC in March. This could not have happened without you.

There will be a "Volunteers" Lunch on Sunday 15th May at 1.00pm to be held at 22 Herbert Street, Mornington. Hope you can come! (Please contact the office and let us know if you are coming—for catering purposes.)

We have changed the format of our end of season ball this year. It will be a "Wild Wild West" evening with lots of fun and laughter.

Dance the night away with the "Shananigans" band and enjoy a full buffet dinner.

Check out the attached poster and book your tickets now. We would love to see you there.

Bev Donnellan, Social Committee



LADIES LUNCHEON

NEXT LUNCHEON will be on Friday 6th May, 2011 at noon.

Come along and join us for a bite to eat and a good chat. Friends welcome.

You order over the Bar—the area is cosy and the view delightful.

Please book at the office on 59777001 so that we are prepare!

From the Office

A big welcome to our new members:

Peter Vermeer,
Con Sarris,
Stuart Donaldson,
Scott and Marie Renwick,
Greg Neild,
Duncan Moody,
Jesse Young.

Thank you to everyone who has paid their Capital Works Levy this month.

Office Hours

From 1st May we will change to **Winter Office Hours**—9.00 am to 1.00 pm Monday to Friday.

As we come to the end of the season—there is a bit of work to be done in securing our boats for the winter.

All summer storage ends on Saturday 1st May. Please can everyone who has not arranged Winter Storage remove their boats by 6.00 pm on this date.

Crane Slipping Day will be Saturday, 7th May from 7.00am, alternate date is Sunday, 8th May.

Slip Slipping Day will be Saturday, 14th May from 7.00am, alternate date is Sunday, 15th May.

Presentation Day 2011

Presentation Day will be held on Sunday 5th June, 2011. Lunch at 12.30 pm followed by the Presentation of Trophies and Prizes commencing at 2.00pm.

Football Tipping Competition—please see bar area for details. If you are unable to come down to the club to submit your tips, you can email them to the office on office@morningtonyc.net.au.

Sarah Grant, Office Manager

For Sale

Northern Light Northshore 27 M276 MSV 11640M

\$45,000.00 all inclusive
3.1 Zodiac tender, Excellent Hard Stand,
All equipment including all safety equipment,
Raymarine electrics and chart plotter.
Spinnaker and No. 3 excellent condition.
Electronic head, New windows and hatch,
Boat, sails and equipment in very good condition.
Current MSV Survey

**Also Open to Part Ownership –
Call Colin for details 0408 344154**



Blue Illusion Mornington supports Nourish the Children

Wendy invites you to enjoy a fashion parade, real people displaying new season's cloths, fashion tips, anti-ageing facial demo, drinks and nibbles. A short talk about the work of **Nourish the Children**.

Come and join in the fun at 7.00 pm on Thursday
5th May at the Mornington store.

20% off all sales at the event will be donated to this
very worthy cause.

Please RSVP to Helen on 0434412104 by
Sunday 1st May.

Blue Illusion Mornington
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The Gellibrand Shoal Race—Round 2

With the sailing season being what it has been this year, it was no coincidence that the Gellibrand Shoal race was presented with the exact same conditions that caused it to be cancelled the first time earlier in the season.

A solid northerly coming down from the city made it dull day for the Div 3 boats as once again they were cancelled, leaving Div 1 & 2 to battle the conditions of boarding the fleet to hit the start line & punch there way into a solid northerly fetch & 20 – 25 knots of breeze.

The fleet being slightly reduced from the 21 avid sailors to the hard core 13 who hit the line for 21 miles to Melbourne saw a beat to MYC A buoy then 14 miles across the bay past the spoil grounds, which by reference of the radio check ins appears to be a massive area, across to Pipe line mark 3 & onto the Gellibrand Shoal mark.

In the solid breeze the Div 1 boats like Javelin, The Joker, Trim & Seduction powered away as everyone choose their planned course across the middle of Port Phillip Bay. The Doctor decided to see what was on offer closer up to Black Rock and Sandringham while Arabelle, YT 2, Tonic and Malice slugged it out in some great tacking duels. French Toast, One for One, Flying Circus and Scaramouche topped of the fleet as we all pounded our way to Melbourne. It was interesting to reach the other side of the bay and see the different shorelines of the oil refineries and heavy industry of western Melbourne. As the bay flattened out and the breeze built to 30 knots it made for some interesting sailing conditions. Ray Harvey on Tonic must be congratulated for not getting tangled in a pack of hungry TP 52's racing around the top mark in the Range series as he made his way to the Gellibrand Shoal Mark.

It was a relief to finally sail that final reaching leg as everyone had had a tough day at the office and were glad to see the finish line. Grant Hales not content with a finish, decided to take the crew for a leisurely cruise up to Webb Dock for a scenic tour. Once we had all made our way up to Docklands it was a pleasure to hop into a cold one and a hot pie.

The harbour master allowed our tired little fleet to moor on the one finger at Docklands Marina which set the scene for a night of plenty of tales from the day's exploits over some more drinks. The rain came, but fun was had by all and the next day presented us all with a fantastic sail home to Mornington in 12 to 17 knots of WNW and a reach. A great weekend was had by all who endured.

Cheers,

Tony Reid



WANTED!

**All MYC members
to saddle up and join
the fun for the end
of season shindig!**

**LEAVE YOUR HORSE AT THE WATERING HOLE
AND HEAD TO MORNINGTON RACECOURSE,
CHAIRMAN'S MARQUEE. FESTIVITIES BEGIN
AT 7PM SATURDAY MAY 21ST.**

(Don't forget to saddle-up in your best cowboy/indian duds.)

TICKETS \$85

REWARD:

A boot-scootin good time!

**Drink on arrival
(then drinks at bar prices)**

Full buffet meal

**Canapes, dessert
& tea/coffee**

Live music

Raffle prizes

**TICKETS AVAILABLE
FROM MYC OFFICE –
5975 7001**

**BUS AVAILABLE – return trip \$20
Enquire at the office**



Travel agents license 27A 5348

Introduce a new member to the Mornington Yacht Club during the **MEMBER GET MEMBER PROMOTION** for the chance to win a...

MARINER BOATING HOLIDAYS trip for two to the Beneteau First 45 Croatia Yacht Rally in June 2012

Propose a new fully paid member to the Mornington Yacht Club before Open Day on October 22 2011 and you and the new member will both go into the draw for two places on the yacht rally worth \$15,000 and including international and domestic airfares, transfers, 3 night's hotel accommodation and two weeks on a participating First 45.



www.morningtonyc.yachting.org.au

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Gippsland Lakes Yacht Club

Wanderer - April 2011

The Victorian Trailables Championship

A Beautiful Championship with Surprise

The Victorian Trailable Yacht Championships were held here over the weekend of April 2nd and 3rd. Participants were in agreement that it was a very well run championship and are looking forward to coming back.

Within the Trailable Championships, the Hartley and the Castle Associations held their State Championships as well.

Definitely starting in the show was Stuart Loft with Andrew Somerville and David Eickmeyer crewing on Spudgun, an RL24. In the six races held over the weekend he pulled three first places and three second places in Division 2 winning him the championship.

A brilliant sailing day on Saturday allowed three races to be run. Magic Pudding, a Zeeman 6.5 skippered by Phill Mannes from MYC, won all three Div 1 races that day (winning him a first in his division for the championships).

Sunday also allowed three races to be run with the wind puffing up progressively harder posing more of a challenge to the trailer sailors.



Below is Gary Maskiell's recounting of his experience on the rescue boat as things got "hotter":

"I had a hard day on the big duck rescue 1 with Ben. There were a number of man overboards which were picked up by the R.S. Thomson, one of which we then transferred from the R.S. back to the yacht, an Elliott, I think. Don't know why they all went overboard; I think I heard one was a swan dive after being hit by the boom.

Winds were not that strong at the start of the day, guess 15 knots. But did build up quite a bit.

As the day went on a number of boats were knocked flat, both upwind and downwind; not many had reefs in. A lot were rocking and rolling downwind as they were running very square on the windward and return course, with the odd broach and chinese gybe. But all came back up right.

Then in the last race the wind was probably peaking at 25 kts and the fleet was generally struggling; a few more reefed, but the majority were full rag still. We watched the second placed RL 24 (Darryn and Mitchell Dyer on Whatever) surfing on the waves on the last run of the race. We were about 3/4 of the way down the run and took our eyes off them after they passed us with only about 100m to go to the bottom mark. Then one of the passing Trailer sailors yelled out to us: We turned around to see the RL laying on its side.

We rushed across. All sailors were hanging on to the up-turned boat and Darryn said he didn't want to right it as it may sink. There were washboards floating around amongst other stuff; only the air trapped in the hull was keeping it afloat. We proceeded to tow it towards the island, with the boat laying on its side and the crew hanging on and dragging in the water. They were picked up one by one by the R.S. as they were getting cold.

Finally the owner, Darryn who had been hanging on to the rigging to stop the mast coming up, went to the R.S. as well. We continued to tow to the island and just before we got there the mast flipped up and the boat was upright with sails filled for a moment. Then it tipped on its side again much deeper in the water with just the gunwale above the water. We kept towing until it hit the bottom in about 6ft of water and left it there with a float attached. Later the R.S. and the big duck went back out with the owner and a local diver with air bags and re-floated the boat and towed it in.

It was definitely a big day for the rescue boats, very memorable."

In spite of Whatever's strife in the last race, they placed second in Div 2 as well as second overall in the Championships.

Congratulations again to Stuart Loft for his excellent performance resulting in taking the first for the championships. Also from GLYC, Nova, an Ultimate 18 skippered by Mark Jefferis with Glen McGarvie crewing, won second in Division 1 in the Trailable Championships.

In the Hartley states, Tarquin skippered by Colin Theodore was first in the Hartley 18s and Queen of Harts sailed by Colin Orchard, won the Hartley 21s. In the Castle Championships, Satisfaction, a Castle 650, gave his skipper Colin Svenson just that, satisfaction in winning first place.

The complete results can be found as a link on the GLYC website homepage or look up "Gippsland Lakes YC Regatta" at www.sailres.com