



Mornington Sailing

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21st February, 2011

CALENDAR:

26 February, 2011 Variety Splash
4 March, 2011 Ladies Luncheon—12 noon
5 March, 2011 Opti Coaching Regatta
12—14 March, 2011 State Titles Optis, Mustos & Moths

For Sailing Events Program please access the Web Site under MYC General Information on the home page.

From the Editor: Deadline for the next edition will be **Saturday March 19 noon**. Please email contributions to rarmstrong22@bigpond.com

Commodore's Report

It is great to see the weather finally improving and the sailing back on track. The last few weeks have seen great fleets on the water on both Thursday nights and Saturdays.

Our New Members' Breakfast attended by 32 New Members was a great morning, with the Social Committee again putting on a lovely continental breakfast. It is good to see that many of the new members are active sailors.

While we are all frustrated by the pier works, they are again back at work with a current completion date now in April. Our dredging is now complete, drawn out by the amount of debris encountered and the MEA's false assertions to council that the sand was contaminated. The council had further tests done on the dredged sand, which was found by the EPA to be clear and suitable for placement on the beach.

The club is hosting a number of events over the next month, starting with the Variety Splash, which will see up to 40 boats visiting Mornington on Saturday 26th February. Variety is a great fund raiser for Children's Charities with *Splashers* having a lot of fun while raising money. They will be dining in the club on Saturday night along with a hearty breakfast provided by the

Social Committee and volunteers prior to their departure on Sunday morning.

On the following weekend the 5th & 6th March we are hosting a coached Regatta for Optimistic Dinghies, Musto Skiffs and the Moths. The following Labour Day Weekend are the State Titles for each of these classes. We are expecting 112 Optis, about 12 Moths and a similar number of Mustos. It will be a very busy couple of weeks and your help would be much appreciated. Please contact the office and put your name down.

The Panel Hearing

The Panel Hearing for the Safe Harbour is now in its third week. Our solicitors and expert witnesses have presented our side of the case. The two State Government appointed panel members, whose job it is to prepare a report with their recommendations to be forwarded to the council and the minister have environmental background, having sat on over 30 panels including the Channel Deepening and Desalination Plant.

The panel has had submissions from the council and done a beach and harbour tour. It has heard submissions from the MEA and has still to do a tour of other marinas. This will conclude next week with our final submission which will include a set of draft permit conditions, a response to the council submission, and a conclusion and summation.

The panel report will take 1-2 months to be prepared and sent to the minister who must sign off on the environmental effects study, before the council will consider it. Phil Coombs and all the members of the MBHL Committee have been working tirelessly on the project. The club is very appreciative of this and we hope for a positive outcome.

Where our Capital Works Levy goes

Over the past 2 years our works levy has funded the bar extension and renovation and refurbishment of the

members lounge and function area. The recent renovation costing around \$80,000 included new windows, with automated blinds, insulation, structural work, full heating & air conditioning, new carpets, oven to the kitchen and other associated works.

Due to the donated time and labour of a number of our members these works cost well under half the real commercial value. Funds from the levy are also to help finance the cost of the Safe Harbour Planning Application.

As works to the lower level of the club and the yard may change dependant upon the permit issued for the safe harbour, it was decided the new rear deck and under cover BBQ area would be next on the agenda. Plans are currently being prepared for lodging with council, with a view to commencing works as soon as a permit is issued.

Anyway until next time, enjoy good sailing, fair winds and the great company at our club.

Tony Donnellan, Commodore

Membership Drive

The membership at MYC has scope to grow. It is not hard to find yachts on a Saturday short of crew. With this in mind I would like to put out a challenge to all members to try to introduce a new member to the club within this current sailing season. Not only sailing members but also social members after all MYC has excellent facilities.

Not only will the introduction of new members fill those empty spaces on yachts on race days it will also bring important income to the club.

We all know people who attend the club regularly, are enjoying the facilities of the club but are not members. Let's all encourage these people to take up membership at MYC. Remember all non members MUST be signed in by a MYC member each time they attend.

Noel Heyes, Treasurer.

LADIES LUNCHEON

*NEXT LUNCHEON will be on Friday
4th March, 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!*

Optimist News

It has been yet another very busy summer for the Mornington Yacht Club Optimist dinghy fleet with lots of training and some great racing on Sundays with big turnouts on the water and some good conditions for sailing. I would like to thank Graeme Alexander and Tim Donaldson for their race management and also all the parents for their help to provide our juniors with a great environment for their early development in the fine sport of sailing.

Congratulations to our 4 boys that attended the National titles at Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club in NSW. As always these boys sailed well but also represented MYC in a sportsman like manner which is such a part of the culture we like to see in the development of our young sailors at Mornington. The boys who competed where Rhett Gowans, Tyrone Gowans, Matthew Bates and Nic Sharman. If you see them around the club you should congratulate them all for a job well done. Following is a Report from Rhett on their results and the trying conditions they had to deal with in the Regatta. Both Rhett and Tyrone with their results where also selected in the Australian team and will be competing in some International Regattas overseas in the coming months.

At present our fleet is gearing up for other important events such as the Lidgette Cup at Daveys Bay Yacht Club closely followed by the Schnapper Point Youth Regatta and the Victorian Optimist State Titles both to be held in March at Mornington.

Good luck to all.

Ian Wood

2011 Optimist Nationals Report

On January 9th – 16th The Royal Prince Alfred Yacht Club held the 2011 Optimist Nationals on the waters of Pittwater. Everyone's goal in this regatta is to come top 20. If you do you are chosen into the Australian Optimist Sailing Team which enables you to compete in overseas events representing Australia.

The 9th was when it all started, boats went through measurement, other boats decided to have a lay day, and others went out to get a feel for the wind and tune up. The next day we had the practice race in 15 knots of breeze. All the Mornington sailors competed, placing well. As there were 179 boats entered they split the field into two flights, to our surprise they put Tyrone and myself together in pink, Nick Sharman was in blue and Matt Bates was in yellow.

Day 1 of racing brought 5 – 15 knots which was shifting constantly. It dropped out in the first race then picked up for the last three. This day saw all the

Mornington sailors achieve very consistent results.

At the end of day 1 Tyrone was sitting 8th, I was placed 13th, Nick was placed 38th and Matt was placed 65th.

The second day of racing brought 20 – 25 knots, which was much to our surprise because all the locals said it would be a light and shifty regatta. This was the toughest and longest day fitting in three races. It was a day for the heavyweights. Mornington guys sailed well in these conditions however dropped back on the leader board.

After the Teams Racing Day (Victoria came 2nd) and the lay day we were back into sailing, but it was very light again. The 11.30 start was delayed until 12:30, due to lack of wind and we only got one race in for the day. The Mornington sailors posted another good day with Nick grabbing a 6th, Tyrone 10th, Matt 33rd and I got 11th.



The last day was light with shifting winds and dropping to 1 knot at times. This was great for the light weights, Tyrone grabbing a 2nd which was the best result from a Mornington sailor in the regatta, Nick 8th finishing the regatta on a high, Matt a consistent 38th and I managed 15th.

This last race helped all the Mornington guys out on the overall results gaining two spots each. Overall results: Tyrone 14th Australian, Rhett 18th Australian, Nick 37th Australian and Matt 60th Australian. Congratulations to all the Mornington competitors on a very successful regatta. We have all come away from this regatta more knowledgeable from this experience.

Rhett Gowans

Sailability Report

News Flash The Sailability Raffle is still on! Cyclone Yasi did not destroy “Séclusion” although we are thinking of changing the name to “Exposé” as we lost so many trees. Thank you to Ivan and Optus AI who worked so hard with me to clear the garden and cart loads of green waste to the street!

Raffle There are a few tickets left @ \$2 each, drawn 3 March 2011

1st Prize: 1 week Accommodation at Séclusion: 4 bedroom holiday house at Magnetic Island

2nd Prize: 12 Bottles of Wine supplied by Vaughans Vineyard, “100 Hunts “

Thank you to Joe and Amanda Vaughan for this kind donation.

Bike Raffle: The bike raffle was won by Jonathan and Annie Storm. Big thank you to Annie Blair for donating the mountain bike.

Monster Garage Sale: The Monster Garage sale was a huge success. Thank you to all those who donated goods, in particular, Andrew Burford who very generously donated furniture and MANY items from the Gazebo!

Access Class Championships: The Sunday Sailability Program has now raised enough money to take the team to the Victorian Access Class Championships on Lake Hume and fund the transport of our boats to Perth for the 2011 Access Class Australian and Asia-Pacific Championships. Best of luck to Thomas McGann, Des McGann, Krista Bailey, Cherie McLean and our latest recruit Jenny Angliss- Goodall, who will be racing for the first time with Tonia Vertigan.

Volunteers: I take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers who put so much effort to assist the sailors to achieve their dreams. Ivan, who always does what he is told, Graeme and Tonia Vertigan, who are always there, Barry Mills, who still turns up after a big Saturday night, Des McGann, the many “sausage sizzle” helpers, including my 85 yr old mother and our new volunteers, Brendan, Graeme and Linda; last but not least Graeme Lyell for all his help and support and keeping me in line. Remember, new volunteers are always welcome, even if it is once in the season!

Bridgette Swallow, Sailability

Social Committee Meat Tray Raffle
Thursdays after sailing

Bring a couple extra \$\$, you might be lucky.

Congratulations Heather Tonkin our first winner.

Victorians on Podium at the Kiwi Cup and NZ Access Nationals



Krista & Russell winning a start

Victorian sailors Krista Bailey and Russell Phillips have finished in third place in the SKUD 18 competition of the Kiwi Cup and New Zealand Access Nationals held in the last week of January in Napier N.Z.

Krista, from the Mornington Yacht Club, and Russell from Docklands Yacht Club, sailing the Sailability Victoria SKUD 18, finished behind two teams who have qualified their nations for the 2012 Paralympic Sailing Competition. Tim Dempsey and Jan Apel from Auckland (NZL) strung together 6 wins from 8 starts to top the SKUD fleet. Jovin Tan and Desiree Lim from Singapore sailed very consistently to secure 2nd overall but could not match the speed of the Dempsey and Apel combination.

Following the NZ Nationals, Krista and Russell joined the other SKUD 18 teams to race in the Sail Auckland International Regatta, where they managed a respectable 4th place overall.



Keen concentration - Krsita (left) and Russell (right)

Graeme Lyell

2011 Musto Skiff Worlds Report

7th - 16th January 2011 saw 42 competitors from 7 nations compete in the Musto Skiff World Championships at Black Rock Yacht Club. It was the first time the international class had ventured outside of Europe for a major event since the boat was designed in 2000. Mornington members Jon Newman and I made the transition into the class in early 2010 with the goal of being competitive (top 10) by the 2011 Worlds.

After lots of very amateur looking stacks, lots of swims and plenty of leaning throughout 2010, Jon and I (as well as the other Aussie sailors) got to a stage where we looking forward to taking on the international competition.

The regatta was run in unusual weather with plenty of rain, humidity, and generally a light easterly wind. The racing was however still really close and really enjoyable.

At the conclusion of the regatta Jon and I had good heat results (including heat wins) to finished 4th and 5th respectively. The championship ended up going to Daniel Henderson (a young Brit) who was looking shaky mid-regatta but came through with the goods.

My experience with the class has been great. The boat is very addictive, and really fun to sail. Also the cost and minimal maintenance is a big plus.

I'd like to thank members for there support in accommodating OTB/skiff sailing at Mornington and the great work Sport Phillip Marine and Pete DeLange do to keep us on the water if something goes wrong.

Jono Neate



The Queenscliff music festival or bust.

Even before **Ma'lice** set sail Friday afternoon it was a two way bet as to what Mother Nature would dish up weatherwise for the weekend. The forecast was for strong winds & heavy rain from the north with a southerly change mid weekend to finish us off. As it turned out the sail to Queenscliff was heavenly with a mild south-easterly breeze & warm sunshine to take us on our journey south. As we passed Martha Cove we were joined by **French Toast**, a Beneteau 42 owned by MYC members Brian & Lisa Marklew, closely followed up by **Aphrodite**, a Beneteau 378, a new addition to the MYC cruising group, the proud owners being Rob Rainesford & Linda Clarke.

The approach to Queenscliff marina was quite interesting with radio chatter indicating a menacing thunder storm closing from the north, the usual Queenscliff ferry moving in to unload and the outgoing tide from Swan Bay presenting a challenge all to be beaten as we moored our yachts in the safe confines of the new marina facility, Oh to dream of having this at Mornington. Hot showers, a few cold beers and champagne saw us ready to dine in town which happened to be alive with music festival enthusiasts. Each year the Queenscliff Music Festival is on in November, covering a 3 day period with bands, quartets, trios, duos & solo musicians catering for all tastes in music, an absolute extravaganza. With memories of Friday's sail in the past, we were greeted Saturday morning with rain & a blustery northerly wind, but a new addition to our cruising numbers by the arrival of **Arrabelle** and her crew soaking wet but ready to party.

Unfortunately Friday night had taken a toll on some of the early revellers. The rain was non stop, the music went on and the party continued into Saturday evening with the four boats all being moored on the one finger. Only the hardened stayers lasted the night enjoying the likes of Colin Hayes from Men At Work and Mark Seymour of The Hunters & Collectors, with bands playing long into the night.

Sunday saw the rain replaced by a south-westerly change, but this only inspired a trip to town. A tour of the market and a dabble in the fresh produce on offer. The charm and history of Queenscliff is hard to shake off and we always enjoy what's on offer. The sail home was a different story, with 30 to 40 knots blasting through Port Phillip Heads, a couple of sails were launched and quickly retrieved in the shadow of the parked ferry, to the delight of the passengers. Progress under motor across the Heads was slow until we were all in the protection of the Portsea foreshore, then as usual one sail went up followed by some reefed mains. The race home was on, funny thing how one sail presents the immediate challenge for all silly enough to follow. The ensuing yachts that set sail saw some hefty speeds achieved as we sped north and home. We tied up in Mornington to a quiet harbour and fond memories of a challenging but entertaining weekend. It would be even more fun if we spent more time at the music festival, but that's for next year. A great time had by all, Ma'lice signing off.

Tony & Fiona Reid.

WANTED

Laser with 4.7m rig
Please contact MYC office on 5975 7001

A Yacht Tender
Please contact Damian Pollock on
0418179562

MOORING FOR SALE—(AB 7)

Please contact Tony Krushker on 041853979

From the Office

We have had a spat of thefts at the club over the past weeks with members having money stolen from their belongings left in the change rooms. Could you please be vigilant by locking the change room door on leaving. The committee have purchased a safe box which is located in the Race Administration office and is available for members to secure their valuables during sailing events—this mainly applies to Dinghy, Flying Fifteen and Etchel sailors. Once again please make sure that you shut gates as you enter (please don't chock them open for anyone to enter) and leave.

Reminder to all Members—please do not enter the area behind the members bar to try and get the Rock's staff attention. They will do their best to check and listen out for you, but sometimes there is only one member of staffing working during quiet periods, especially in the morning. They would appreciate it if you could call out to walk around to the entrance of the restaurant instead. Thanks for your co-operation in this regard.

We welcome our new members this month: David and Penny Angus, Alec Bates, Kate Johnston, David Glasebrook, Jodie Belyea, Robert and Christine Tyrrell, Pieter Vermeer.

Boat owners are reminded that Winter Storage fees are due and should be paid NOW.

The next instalment of the Capital Works Levy was due on 31 January, 2011. Please contact the office to arrange payment as soon as possible.

Sarah and Dave



Mornington Opti Kids

Invite Junior members & friends to the MYC Disco

Friday 25th March, 2011 7—8.30 pm

Cost \$5

Ages: Prep to 14 years

Party snacks and prizes for the best Groovers & Limbos

Parents to accompany kids please

RSVP: MYC office on 49 75 7001

Email: office@morningtonyc.net.au



Mornington Ward Meeting

2 April, 2011

Cr. Bev Colomb

*Invites residents, ratepayers and business people to attend a
Mornington get together*

Date & Time: 9.30 am to 11.30 am
Saturday, 2 April, 2011
(Coffee & Brunch Provided)

Location: Mornington Peninsula Shire
Municipal Offices
Queen Street, Mornington
(Melways Reference 104 D11)

- Mornington Harbour and Marina Application;
- Heritage and Town Planning
- Community Buildings and Infrastructure;
- 150th Celebration Community Engagement; and
- General discussion about what's happening around the Ward.

*(Please RSVP to Mayor & Councillor Support, prior to Friday 25 March, 2011 by
telephoning 5950 1428 or via email Mayor&CouncillorSupport@mornpen.vic.gov.au)*

Please bring along any Community Newsletters or Brochures to share with others

Commodore Tony Donnellan would like those who live in this ward to try and attend this meeting. It is on a Saturday morning so hopefully you would be available. Thanks in anticipation.