



Bayside Trailable Yacht Club NEWSLETTER

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COMMODORE'S CORNER



From Edwin Flynn

Hello Baysiders,

On behalf of your committee, I would like to wish all of you a happy and safe Christmas and wonderful New Year. The year has just flown past and here we are, Christmas is almost here again. This year we began our activities by holding our AGM at the Warneet Motor Sailing Club rooms. It was a very well attended meeting with some members travelling great distances to attend the AGM.

Welcome to our incoming committee, Tony Pitt as Treasurer, Gaye Pitt as Membership Secretary, David Morrissey as Cruise Director and Clive Aikman as Committee member. Without the committee we cannot run the club and I am certain that you all join with me to thank these members for volunteering their time.

The highlight of the AGM was the presentation of "The Most Adventurous Baysider Trophy" to Ian Clapperton. A most deserving recipient!

We also have a pending presentation of another award to Andrew & Kris Jones (Sea Goose) who by their actions have displayed the true Spirit of Our Club. This Trophy will be presented at the first opportunity.

Since the AGM we have held our Opening Sail Weekend and Sail Past at the Gippsland Lakes. It was a pleasant weekend spent with good company. The weather was excellent for the sail past, but alas it did not last and we spent a couple of days sheltered at Nicholson River Jetty.

Our Xmas picnic was held at Studley Park, Kew in the vicinity of the Boat House Café. It was well attended. We were thrilled to see Margaret and Mel Tripp who travelled down from Cairns to be with us.

Our club has continued to grow and we welcome additional new members even since the Annual General Meeting.

We can look forward to an exciting sailing and activities calendar beginning with the Xmas and New year cruise from the 26th December. We are also well into the planning of the Around Port Phillip Bay cruise in early January. This will be followed by the Australia Day cruise from the 26th January, until the 29th January. And for those that have the time available this cruise will now continue with a mid week cruise until the following weekend ending on the 5th February.

As I have mentioned previously, coordinating a cruise requires a fair amount of pre planning by your Cruise Director, David Morrissey. He needs to know who may be planning to go on a cruise well in advance of the cruise date. We all pay a great deal of attention to weather forecasts when we are planning on-water activities and this is a very important consideration for all boat skippers. What we ask is that if you are planning to come to a club cruising activity, let the nominated Cruise Coordinator (CC) know this as soon as possible after the invitation to cruise is sent to you. This does not mean that you cannot change your mind if the weather forecast closer to the cruise day changes or is not to your liking. Communicating your intentions in advance assists in the planning for happier and more successful cruises.

I would like to extend an open invitation to all members to volunteer to help your club in any capacity that you feel able to. We need Cruising Co-ordinators (CC) for each cruise. Please give some thought to be the CC on your next cruise. I know that everyone on the cruise will help you on the day. Most of the cruise planning will be done at the time that Dave Morrissey sends out the cruise invitation. All that you will need to do on the day is to complete an attendance list, discuss the weather conditions and the destinations with the other cruise participants. We will also assist you with the planning; you will not be on your own.



CRUISE REPORT

Opening Cruise and Commodores Sail Past October to November 2016

From Edwin Flynn

Participating Vessels:

Wanton, Silk Department, Grashopper, Crème Caramel, Sapphire, Playmate, Trilby plus other crews (not sailing)

I have been cast as the reluctant commodore and it was suggested that I leave early to allow the “chasers” plan their mode of attack. I launched Wanton on Saturday morning and departed to my hiding spot somewhere near “Sperm Whale Head.” I found the perfect location just East of Point Wilson, with the sandy cliffs there providing the perfect camouflage almost matching Wanton’s hull colour. The chasing fleet later admitting they could not see me. But in any chase situation there often is intrigue. As I was watching the fleet approaching in the general direction of where I was, but a little to starboard (to the East) of my position, I received a telephone call from Norman Munns, asking where I was. He was spying for me with his binoculars from somewhere in Newlands Arm and he could not see me. He thought he could see me in line with Rothamah Island. After agreeing that he was looking at the wrong boat, I described to him where I was. Finally he confirmed that he has spotted me. Now I am not saying that Norman was assisting the chasing fleet to spot me, but hey: “was it coincidental that not long after innocently disclosing my location, the chasing fleet changed direction to port and were heading my way?” Perhaps we will never know if there was a spy on the cliffs, or if the huge blue BTYC flag flying from the backstay betrayed my perfect camouflage. Very soon the water bombings were taking place with energy with horns a honking and Peter Nyga’s famous huge trumpet blasting all other noise away. I think I aimed my water gun accurately enough to hit a couple of the boats. It was a big laugh and we all enjoyed ourselves immensely. I have to admit that the most respectful salutes came from the skipper and first mate of Sapphire.



The fleet then sailed back to Dawson Cove with a steady 12 knot south easterly. This was a great sail – flat water and steady wind. Playmate and Trilby stayed out for a while to shake the sails out properly, but we all eventually backed in to a sandy beach for refreshment.

This cove is not commonly used by the Baysiders because it is very popular with motor sports – jet skis and water skiers. But at this time of the year they are mostly still sitting by a fire somewhere. We pretty much had the cove to ourselves after 4.00 pm and there are some good facilities there – picnic shelter, BBQ, good sandy beach. Also some friendly residents from Newlands Arm as we were joined by the crew of Windermere and the former crew of Meander. This is a great spot for the sail past recovery but not particularly recommended for January.

The next day the weather looked a bit grim. Strong wind warning for the Lakes with wind squalls up to 30 knots. The winds were expected to come through later that morning. Not content to stay in the one spot, we collectively got up and underway by 7.30 am and had a good sail across to Nicholson with a 15 to 18 knot south westerly. We never knew when the stronger winds were likely to hit and a couple of skippers decided to stick with the iron sail rather than the cloth one. In Nicholson we were very snug and we saw the winds hurtle overhead for the next 36 hours. One very wet and mildly concerned family group came in on a small keel boat the next day and reinforced our decision to stay where we were for the time being.

The wind did eventually abate and the fleet had a fairly quiet sail back to Paynesville the next morning. Overall a good weekend with good company.

ADDITIONS TO THE CRUISING CALENDAR

The club committee has decided to add a mid week Gippsland Lakes Cruise to the current season’s cruising calendar. The nominated period will be the week following the Australia Day weekend. The suggestion for a mid week Gippsland Lakes cruise has come from several members and Edwin Flynn has agreed to be the cruise coordinator for this event. If successful, a mid week Lakes cruise may become part of our annual cruising calendar. Contact Ed to indicate you interest.

The Xmas Cruise will commence on December 27 and Iolanda Cruz has offered to be the cruise coordinator. Iolanda has however stated that she will not be able to stay until New Year’s eve and so the cruise will be restricted to just three or four sailing days. Contact Iolanda on 0425 717075 to advise of your intention to participate.

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UPDATED CRUISING and SOCIAL CALENDAR 2016/2017

MONTH	DATE	EVENT	VENUE	COMMENTS	CRUISE/SOCIAL CO-ORDINATOR
OCT	SAT 15 th	PRE SEASON BBQ & AGM	WARNEET MOTOR YACHT CLUB, WARNEET	SEE MEETING NOTICE ENCLOSED WITH THIS NEWSLETTER	EDWIN FLYNN PH: 0413 454029
OCT	SAT 29 th OCT TO TUES 1 st NOV	OPENING WEEKEND & SAIL PAST	GIPPSLAND LAKES PAYNESVILLE	SAIL PAST FOLLOWED BY SOCIAL AFTERNOON	TONY PITT PH: 0408 514581
NOV	26 th NOV	XMAS PARTY	STUDLEY PARK BOATHOUSE, STUDLEY PARK		
DEC	MON 26 th DEC TO SUN 1 st JAN	XMAS CRUISE	GIPPSLAND LAKES PAYNESVILLE	BRIEFING AT PAYNESVILLE	IOLANDA CRUZ PH: 0425 7176075
JAN	MON JAN 9 th TO TUES JAN 17 th	AROUND THE BAY IN "8" DAYS (actually 6 days)	PORT PHILLIP	LAUNCH/RETRIEVE AT MARTHA COVE.	TONY PITT PH: 0408 514581
JAN	THURS 26 th JAN TO SUN 29 th JAN	AUSTRALIA DAY CRUISE	GIPPSLAND LAKES PAYNESVILLE	BRIEFING AT PAYNESVILLE	EDWIN FLYNN PH: 0413 454029
JAN	MON 30 th JAN To SUN FEB 5 th	MID WEEK CRUISE	GIPPSLAND LAKES	<i>NEW EVENT</i> FOLLOWS THE AUSTRALIA DAY CRUISE	EDWIN FLYNN PH: 0413 454029
FEB	SAT FEB 18 to SUN FEB 19	WESTERNPORT BAY CRUISE	WESTERNPORT	BRIEFING AT HASTINGS	KENTON LILLECRAPP PH: 0418 422099
MAR	THUR 9 th MARCH TO TUES 21 st MAR	LONG DISTANCE CRUISE	MYALL LAKES, NSW	APPROXIMATELY 2 DAYS TRAVEL FROM MELBOURNE.	KENTON LILLECRAPP PH: 0418 422099
MAR	SAT 11 th MAR TO MON 13 th MAR	LABOUR DAY CRUISE	GIPPSLAND LAKES PAYNESVILLE		TO BE DETERMINED ADVISED by EMAIL
APR	FRI 14 th APR TO TUES 25 th APR	EASTER AND ANZAC DAY CRUISE	GIPPSLAND LAKES	DETAILS TBA (OPTION TO SPLIT FLEET DEPENDENT ON LENGTH OF STAY)	ANDREW AND KRIS JONES PH: 0413 551 892

OUR TRIP TO DENHAM

From Kay Walsh and Chris Slaney

Hi to all. Thought some of you guys might like to know about our West Aust. adventure to the town of Denham. While planning to visit a friend and his family at Denham, the most western town in Australia, it was mentioned that it was the 400 year anniversary commemoration of Dirk Hartog bumping into our far land in 1616.

Dirk Hartog was a 17th century Dutch sailor & explorer. His expedition was the second European group known to have landed in Australia and the first to leave behind an artefact to record his visit. A photo of the Hartog plate is below.



Not only was this event going to be huge for W.A. but my friend, Shane Heriot, is one of the Parks and Wildlife staff in charge of restoring the Dirk Hartog Island back to its natural glory from when Dirk placed his pewter plate on Cape Inscription in 1616. Shane's role is to remove all the feral animals, mostly goats and wild cats, from the island ready for the reintroduction of the flora and fauna and critters that were evolving across the 100 mile sandy bump. Once this is done he will be the first person to have done it on the planet. Nice on his CV. He is constantly hanging from helicopters and digging and checking the island as he helps transform the land. One other job he has is to run a car carrier barge to ferry the other staff across to the island. This could also be scientists and the like as well as equipment. I had the pleasure to help him do some moving of cars and a bus to the island. Awesome barge.



They put us up at their house, which made the stay more pleasurable as well. Along with the hype of this being my friend's greatest challenge there was a large event being staged and people came from far and wide to see it unfold. There were three tall ships sailed to Denham along with a

long boat replica of the vessel which was sailed to Batavia (now Jakarta) after the ship (also called Batavia) ran aground on the Abrolhos Islands. It is best to go to Facebook for great photos of the pro shots.



The organisers also staged a ball - dinner and dancing. Yee old sea dogs sang sea shanties and various others sang and performed. You could choose to come in fancy dress or dinner dress. The state of Western Australia had purchased their own Spiegel tent so they had it erected to house the ball. Many costumes and period gowns were made which was a treat for the locals. The town was swamped with tourists and boaties and we were so glad to be a part of this historic event.



A great experience was the viewing of the docked tall ship Duyfkin. The ship was amazing. Only wish our Soul Maid was there to enjoy the salty sea. I'm sure we will tell some stories when we next meet. Hope you all are well since our last event. Hope to see you all soon.

DESTINATION WESTERNPORT

From Miranda Borzecki, Assistant Manager, Yaringa Boat Harbour

Although less than an hour away from Melbourne; Western Port is another world. Yes it is shallow in places but very deep in others and yes there are tides, but there is so much more to discover. With the most southerly occurrence of mangroves in the world, the northern reaches of Western Port resemble the tropics or the everglades; without crocodiles. In the south rocky cliffs and sandy secluded beaches lead out into the open sea.

The bay is defined by two main islands: French Island and Phillip Island. Phillip Island as most know is a tourist haven but this should not be overlooked as a great cruising or day sail destination. French Island on the other hand is vast and scarcely populated with few roads and most of the 170sq km island covered in national parks.

Unlike “big brother” Port Phillip, which in some ways resembles a large lake; Western Port provides ever changing vistas and because of the protection provided by the islands and mudflats, can be sailed in a variety of weather conditions. For those new to Western Port, learning to work with the tides can be a challenging yet a rewarding experience.

There are plenty of public boat launching ramps in Western Port. Watch the tides and do your research first.

Popular Boat Ramps

Warneet	Hastings
Blind Bight	Newhaven
Corinella	Rhyll
Cowes	Stony Point
Flinders	Tooradin
Grantville	And others

Overnight Anchorages

Chicory Lane – A favourite anchorage for those coming from Yaringa located at the north of French Island, best

found at low tide when you can see the mud banks and plot it. Good in most breezes from the south.

- Warneet - Good in anything but a straight southerly. Good holding.
- Tankerton - Great in a full easterly. Usually on a day anchorage or refuge if those strong easterlies come up in the night. Mostly sand.
- Rhyll - Excellent holding off the jetty. Good restaurants and supplies. Good in most breezes except strong southerly.
- Observation Point - Good in a southerly and South Easterly but can get a bit rolly. Sand bottom.
- Coronet Bay - Good in an easterly and northerlies and reasonably good holding. No good in a southerly but a quick trip to Stockyards or Corinella if it blows up. Mostly sand.
- Stockyards – Located on the southern side of French Island, out of the tides. Not great in northerlies.
- Cleland Bight – Hidden behind Cape Woolamai, Ideal anchorage in most weather except South easterlies.
- Corinella - Good anchorage and BBQ facilities and jetty. Short walk to corner store. Good in any south winds, no good in northerlies. Mostly sand/mud.

Western Port (Hastings) Marina and Newhaven Yacht Squadron both provide overnight berthing for visitors after a marina berth and more facilities.

Yaringa Boat Harbour is a great destination for lunch or overnighting with our waterfront marina restaurant overlooking the harbour. There are also BBQ facilities, toilets and showers and secure berths. Fuel and Pump-out also available. Overnight berths are \$30/ night or 1 night free if you dine at the restaurant. Whilst the visitor berths can get very busy over weekends in the summer, midweek or off season is a great time to visit. Overnight berths Yaringa Office - 5977 4154 – Restaurant Bookings 5977 3735

Western Port can be a great adventure. Whether cruising, bird-watching, sailing or fishing its ever-changing shoreline means there is always something different to see and do

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