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## **Bayside Trailable Yacht Club** **NEWSLETTER**

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# BTYC SEASON 2017/2018 CRUISE & SOCIAL CALENDAR

## COMMODORE'S CORNER



Ahoy Baysiders,

Wow, how the year has flown. It is November and by the time you read this newsletter we will have had our opening sail and be hard at work planning the BTYC Xmas Party. It will be at Tony and Gaye's home at Shady Creek

Our new year began at the well attended AGM held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> September at the Warneet Motor Yacht Club with the election of our new committee.

Listed in alphabetical order, the new committee is comprised of Edwin Flynn (Commodore), Kenton Lillecrapp (Past Commodore), Vicki Long, David Morrissey, Tony Pitt (Treasurer), Gaye Pitt and Chris Slaney. Chris has taken on the role of Cruise Director and Tony continues to edit the newsletter. Our thanks to Clive and Sue Aikman for their past valuable contributions on the committee.



History in the making – 130 club sails for Ian and Lesley

It is not my intention to reiterate our cruise calendar for this year. We have a full offer of a variety of local and interstate cruises. Do try to schedule going along on some of these cruises. With some cruises, particularly the interstate cruises, you need to notify the cruise co-ordinator of your intention to attend as soon as possible, as often bookings of facilities is essential and numbers may become limited.

As in the past I would like to extend an open invitation to all members to volunteer to help our club in any capacity that you feel able to. We need Cruising Co-ordinators (CC) for each cruise. Please give some thought to become the CC on your next cruise. It is not difficult, and is an essential role, for without a CC the cruise cannot be recognised as an official cruise. The CC simply keeps a record of attendees and arranges the daily cruise discussion with participants before deciding the next destination on the cruise. I know that everyone on the cruise will help the CC on the day. Most of the cruise planning will be done at the time that our Cruise Director, Chris Slaney, sends out the cruise invitation. All that you will need to do on the day is to complete an attendance list on a form provided; 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.

Finally a special thank you and best wishes to our committee members, without whom our club cannot exist.

On behalf of your committee I wish you a Merry Xmas and a Happy, Prosperous and Safe New Year. See you on the water.

Edwin Flynn

## BTYC 2017 Christmas Party Saturday November 25

Tony and Gaye Pitt

The 2017 Baysiders Christmas Party will be a Saturday lunch at our place amid the green hills of West Gippsland. The address is #####, Nilma North, about 10 minutes drive north east from Warragul.

The lunch will be a Barbecue and we will collectively cater. Please bring along your preferred Barbecue yummys and

either a salad or sweet to share. Bring your own refreshments. Contact Gaye Pitt on 0408 266325 to advise whether you will bring a sweet or a salad, so that she can coordinate and avoid an oversupply of one or the other.

We will have tables, chairs, tea and coffee, plates, cutlery, drinking glasses, shade protection and a play area for dogs organized. You don't need to bring these.

For those who would like to linger and relax a little after lunch and watch the sun go down, there is plenty of space for a caravan, camper trailer or tent. You will need levelling chocks because we don't have flat land in West Gippsland. There are two spare rooms in the house if you don't like camping. Contact Gaye to book a room.

There are several access routes to our place from the Princess Freeway, and if you have electronic mapping program in your vehicle or on your iPhone just use that. If you don't have electronic mapping, see directions on page 8 of this newsletter.

We look forward to hosting you at our place again. Last time we had wonderful weather and a wonderful weekend. It isn't always sunny and beautiful here but it will be for our 2017 Christmas party.



2013 BTYC Xmas at Shady Creek

## CRUISE REPORT Easter Cruise 2017 Gippsland Lakes

Clive Aikman

Participating Vessels: *Small Change, Katrina, Soulmaid, Sea Goose, Therapy, Good Cruzin, Embrace, Yellow boat*

I arrived at Paynesville on Wednesday, 12th April, probably late in the day, but in time to have Bluewater Marine launch "Katrina" for me. Expecting the jetty opposite the Pub to be occupied, I motored over to the public pier near the ferry on Raymond Island, which is always a good spot to tie up. I stayed there on a white line all Thursday, only moving to attend the briefing on Friday morning on the grass opposite the newsagent. Led by Andrew and Kristine in "Sea Goose", seven boats motored to the Nicholson River where we were all able to moor against the jetty. Boats were, "Sea Goose," Gary in his new Ultimate 18, Chris and Kate in "Soulmaid", Peter and Jana in "Small Change", David and Sue in "Therapy", Phil and Yolanda in "Good Cruzin" and myself in "Katrina". Weather was fine with no wind at all.

On Saturday, we tried to sail to the Tambo River, an open water distance of about one nautical mile, but we were defeated by the good weather again and motored instead. New members, Anna and Tudor, joined us in their Cole 23.

The next day, Easter Sunday, we were all treated to a fun cooked breakfast, put on mainly by Dave and Sue, Phil and Yolanda, Andrew and Kristine, everyone really except me, as I was too busy with bacon, eggs and hot cross buns, plus the Easter eggs Eddy sent to us. However on behalf of our absent Commodore, I presented *The Spirit of our Club* trophy to Andrew and Kristine, congratulations, and a club burgee to our new members, Anna and Tudor.

Later, seven boats left for the Grange. "Small Change" went to Lakes Entrance. I noted that it took me two and a half hours to sail from the Tambo mouth to Carstairs Bank. Scary!

Monday, no wind again, so everyone stayed at the Grange; I motored over to Paynesville as a rubbish monitor, and "Small Change" joined me on my return. Eight boats again!

On Tuesday, we all decided to sail to Lochsport, via Paynesville, but left it too late and with fluky and inconsistent winds. We finished up at Barrier Landing which may sound like we had navigation problems? But it was actually a great sail, reaching in light winds.

On Wednesday, I returned alone to Paynesville, sailing with a light tailwind. On Thursday, the remaining fleet arrived, which provided the opportunity for more "happy hours", but Friday was my departure day, and after leaving my boat with Bluewater, I had to return home.

A very successful Easter cruise for our club. Well run, good friends, good fun, good weather.

# CRUISE REPORT

## A Magnificent Cruise on the Mighty Murray

### September 18<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup>

**Geoff Peplar**

Participating Vessels: *Silk Department, Scallywag, Good Cruzin, Yellow Boat, Take It Easy.*

During September 2017 five BTYC boats cruised 246kms over twelve days from Renmark to Morgan (SA) on the beautiful Murray River. Joan Rockliff was cruise co-ordinator. The boats launched at Paringa (just downstream of Renmark) and were retrieved at Morgan. A houseboat company service was used to transport drivers the 113kms back to their cars in lock up at Paringa.

The weather was good, mostly sunny and warm days were followed by cool, clear, calm nights. Winds were generally light except for one very windy afternoon with the boats sheltering at Kingston. Overnight stays were a pleasant mix of township and remote locations. These were Renmark, Berri, Whirlpool Bend Sandbar, Loxton, Kingston, Overland Corner, Marshalls Landing, Waikerie, Riversleigh, Wilsons Sandbar and Morgan. Along with shopping/resupply/coffee fixes in the towns, the use of caravan park showers, a portable shower, relaxed cruising, and great company, things were very civilised!



#### **Whirlpool Bend Sandbar**

Cruise highlights included four lockages, nights spent at Whirlpool Bend Sandbar, and Marshalls Landing with its'

stupendous cliff, chatting beside cosy campfires toasting marshmallows (courtesy of Anne), lunch at historic Overland Corner Hotel (built 1838) and Claudio Vineyard, and exploring the historic wharf precinct at Morgan.



#### **The Cruising Crews at Claudio Vineyard**

Notable events were the raising of the Paringa bridge lift span to enable passage of Good Cruzin with her tall flagstaff, and the hospitable invitation of a resident couple at Kingston to use their verandah barbecue to cook fresh Callop (given to us by a local fisherman as thanks for a tow). Other events of note were snakes observed swimming across the broad river, the loud crash during the night as a huge red gum limb fell, riverside walks to lookouts, and watching the AFL grand final in the pub at Morgan.

The mighty Murray lived up to its name. An environmental flow of six million litres a day ensured slightly higher water levels in each weir pool and spectacular water flow over the weirs. Navigation on the meandering river required careful attention using the river guidebooks but nevertheless passage was very relaxing on the generally broad, calm waters. There is much geological and human (indigenous or recent) history on and surrounding this river. Canoe trees and feasting middens exist and passing a moored paddle wheeler or remains of an old paddle steamer, barge, or stone building ruin always created interest. The scenery was wonderful. Vistas change around each river bend, from remote wild areas, to vineyards, orchards, farms, or homes dotted along the high banks and cliffs. There are huge river red gums, palms, willows, tall colourful many layered cliffs

(sedimentary limestone and/or silt), sandbars, islands, lagoons, billabongs, and river flats. Sunrise and sunset colours on the river, the trees, and especially on the cliffs are unforgettable.

Wild life was numerous with emus, ducks, pelicans, cormorants, soaring eagles, swifts, kangaroos, snakes, lizards, goats, and jumping fish observed.

All things considered the Murray River is a fantastic waterway and a cruise on this mighty river, in good company, gives rich reward for the effort involved.



**Murray Cliffs near Waikerie**

## Training Courses For Trailables

The Trailable Yacht Division of Yachting Victoria has developed a training course for anyone interested in improving their knowledge and skills in handling trailable yachts. The course is targeted to anyone considering purchasing or has recently purchased a trailable yacht and has had limited experience in sailing this type of boat.

It is also suitable for existing owners who simply want to upskill themselves.

The course runs across two days and costs \$300 per participant. It is run by professional instructors who have all completed a Yachting Australia Instructor Course and have been registered as instructors with Australian Sailing. Course Participants are covered by insurance through Australian Sailing.

The course covers a comprehensive list of the skills required to competently handle a trailable yacht. Sailing skills through tacking, gybing, heave to, heel and trim are just the start. The course includes anchoring, recovering a man overboard, safely raising and lowering a mast, launching, retrieving, using an outboard, approaching and leaving jetties in different conditions, and trailer management. Safety at sea together with a review of safety equipment and safe practices are included. There is a section on interpreting the weather .

Further information about the course can be obtained from Des Russell on 0419 341206. Des is a keen Sonata 7 sailor and has been instrumental in developing this course. He will be involved in the delivery.

## Pre-season Checklist for Safety Gear

While the sailing season is now upon us, it is still not too late to do a quick check that all the safety equipment is still on board. Here is a check list:

- Are the flares still current? They only last for 3 years, after which they should be removed from the vessel and replaced with a new set.
- Is the floating torch still on board. Is the battery OK?
- Make sure that you have a bucket with lanyard attached somewhere handy.
- Check that the life vests are stowed on board and that they are in good condition. If you use the inflatable type, you should check that the gas canister is still charged.
- Is the fire extinguisher(s) still current.
- If you also have a fire blanket, check that it hasn't been temporarily removed.
- What about the fuel? If it has been sitting around all winter. It may pay to replace it.
- Check the tool box and make sure that you have everything there, including heavy gauge cutters for a rigging emergency.
- Check the anchor shackles are OK

# *Notice of Cruise* *Round the Bay in 8 Days*

**Saturday January 6<sup>th</sup> to Saturday January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

Cruise Coordinator : Tony Pitt 0408 514581

Weather permitting, there should be lots of sailing. The proposed Itinerary is below, but conditions can be tricky on Port Phillip Bay and there could be one or more lay days with no sailing. This year we will overnight in the Werribee river and incorporate at least two beach camps. The cruise program shows the cruise being completed in 7 days but please keep 8 days available in case we are held up by the weather. The cruise program will remain tentative until each day and may change.

**In order to book marina berths, please give the cruise coordinator as much notice as possible of your intent to participate.**

**Day 1 (Saturday 6 January)**

Arrive Martha Cove. Rig and Launch. Store trailers. Stay overnight at Martha Cove Marina.

**Day 2 (Sunday 7 January)**

Martha Cove to Blairgowrie

Overnight on the beach in Camerons Bight

Tides: High 7.50 am 0.79m 7.30 pm 0.68m  
Low 1.10 am 0.08m 2.00 pm 0.24m

**Day 3 (Monday 8 January)**

Blairgowrie to Port Arlington via Portsea and Popes Eye

Overnight on the beach (new breakwater) at Port Arlington

Tides: High 8.20 am 0.75m 8.30 pm 0.70m  
Low 1.50 am 0.15m 2.30 pm 0.26m

**Day 4 (Tuesday 9 January)**

Port Arlington to Werribee River

Overnight in Werribee River

Tides: High 9.00 am 1.00m 9.30 pm 0.87m  
Low 2.50 am 0.33m 3.30 pm 0.37m

**Day 5 (Wednesday 10 January)**

Werribee River to Docklands

Overnight Melbourne City Marina

Tides: High 9.50 am 0.93m 10.20 pm 0.82m  
Low 3.30 am 0.31 4.10 pm 0.30m

**Day 6 (Thursday 11 January)**

Docklands to Sandringham

Overnight on the beach at Sandringham

Tides: High 10.30 am 0.99m 11.30 pm 0.87m  
Low 4.10 am 0.45m 5.00pm 0.37m

**Day 7 (Friday 12 January)**

Sandringham to Martha Cove

Retrieve and de-rig

Tides: High 11.20 am 0.92m  
Low 5.10 am 0.42m 6.00 pm 0.28m

Please Note: The following are the individual responsibilities of each skipper

- If you register for the cruise and are unable to attend, advise the cruise coordinator.
- Each skipper should make radio contact with the cruise coordinator at the start of the cruise.
- Carry adequate navigational charts for the area in which the cruise is being conducted.
- Ensure that the vessel is fully compliant with Marine Safety Regulations
- Advise the cruise coordinator when you are leaving the cruise, particularly if leaving early.

# *Notice of Cruise*

## *Goolwa and The Coorong*

**Wednesday April 4th 2018 till Friday April 13<sup>th</sup> 2018**

Cruise Coordinator:   Kenton Lillecrapp  
0418 422 099

This cruise will explore the mouth of the Murray River, Lake Alexandrina, the Coorong and the waterways around Hindmarsh Island. Here is some detail of the cruise. For those who wish to come, I will produce detailed sailing instructions in due course. The details below are to give you an idea of factors you need to consider.

- The Cruise:               Wed 4/04/18 - Leave Goolwa & cross Murray Mouth  
3 nights up the Coorong as far as Long Point  
Cross Tauwichee Barrage through the hand operated lock to Deep Creek  
Sail across Lake Alexandrina to Narrung  
Sail back to Hindmarsh Island (Boundary Creek)  
Sail to Clayton  
Finniss River to Currency Creek Winery (lunch)  
Thu 12/04/18 - Return to Goolwa & GRYC
- Boat launching:         I have arranged with the Goolwa Regatta Yacht Club for us to have pens there on our first and last nights. Also storage of our cars and trailers in their car park, although this is not a lock-up storage. They charge \$20/boat/night for each pen and a \$40 refundable deposit for a key to the club for showers & toilets and kitchen facilities.
- Navigation:             Waters can be narrow and very shallow with sand bars and sometimes limestone reefs. Because of this there may be more motoring than sailing. Lake Alexandrina itself varies in depth from less than 1 metre to about 3 metres and strong winds produce short, steep waves very quickly. Be aware that your keel will need to be half up much of the time and if you have a swing rudder you will have this up in many places.
- Note that the waters of Lake Alexandrina and Lake Albert are "Unprotected Waters". An EPIRB is not required, but a PFD1 is required for everyone on board.
- Anchorage:             In the Coorong itself, mostly backing into beaches.  
Around the reedy islands & creeks, mostly nosing into the reeds. Very shallow and you generally need a stern anchor to pull yourself out again.  
Jetties at Narrung, Clayton & Finniss River.
- Permits:                 There is an obligatory camping permit up the Coorong (yes even for sleeping on a boat).
- Fuel:                     Expected cruise distance is 73nm. You will need to carry fuel for at least this distance. For me this equates to about 40 litres (2 stroke motor @ 2 litres per hour).
- Water:                  You will need to carry water to cover the entire cruise, although there may be resupply at Clayton. There is absolutely no water available up the Coorong or around the reedy islands.
- Communication:        VHF only.

This will be a great cruise, but please take all of the above into consideration before deciding to come. This is an extended cruise into a remote area. Your boat must be seaworthy and properly equipped and I expect you to have appropriate experience.

# *Notice of Cruise? BTYC Christmas Party*

12.00 midday onwards

Saturday November 25<sup>th</sup> 2017

At

##### +#####, Nilma North

## You need to bring:

- Your favourite Barbecue food.
- A salad or sweet to share (please let Gaye know which - 0408 266325)
- Something to drink
- Somewhere to sleep if staying overnight.
- 2 double rooms available in the house for first two couples that request one.

## Directions:

- Take the Nilma exit from the Princess Freeway, which is the first exit east of Warragul
- Cross to the north side of the railway line where the road swings back towards Melbourne.
- Go along 3333 and turn right into Bloomfields Road.
- Follow for ### km and turn right into Nilma Shady Creek Road.
- Follow for ##### km and our driveway is on the right.

OR Use a Navigation system!!!

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