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COMMODORE'S CORNER



Edwin Flynn

Ahoy Baysiders

It is time again to think about the coming sailing season. We have achieved a lot during the last 12 months and most importantly, our on water activities have been very well supported. We have sailed the Gippsland Lakes, (our favourite) many times and we also sailed around Port Phillip Bay in almost 7 days, well that was the plan anyway. And of course we also did Western Port. We also did two long distance cruises on the Murray River and the South Australian Coorong & Lower Murray.

This last 12 months we have added 4 new boats and 3 Associate members to our register. We have met some on the water already and look forward to catching up with those we have not yet sailed with. I am sure that when we meet on the water we will all make our new members very welcome.

Thanks to Yolanda and Phil (Good Cruzin') for organizing a terrific winter activity for us again this year. It was well supported. Ten Pin Bowling is a long way from a sailing activity, but for those of us that came to the Healthways Recreation Centre it was a night filled with laughter and fun. Also big thank you to those members who volunteered as Cruise Coordinators. They did a fantastic job.

Our club exists purely for the purpose of enabling BTYC members with family friendly cruise sailing activities. Planning a cruising calendar and other activities requires some effort by the elected committee of the club. One of the biggest compliments that a club committee can get is when members are engaged and participate in club activities. A committee cannot exist without committee members so please consider if you can nominate for any of the positions on the committee. New committee members equal new ideas.

Your committee at present comprises of 5 volunteers whose roles are Commodore/Secretary (Edwin Flynn), Past Commodore (Kenton Lillecrapp), Cruise Director, (Chris Slaney), Treasurer/Newsletter Editor (Tony Pitt), and Committee members (Vicky Long, Gaye Pitt and David Morrissey). All of the committee positions will be declared vacant at the AGM. The positions that need to be filled are all those mentioned above.

Please think about your involvement in the club and what you can offer. It is very rewarding.

Last year The Club Spirit Award was made to Yolanda Cruz and Phil Gooding. The Most Adventurous Award was made to Joan Rockliff and Geoffrey Peplar. These awards are only given to non-committee members and were awarded at the Annual General Meeting. It could be you, so this is yet another good reason to come to the AGM.

Finally; thank you to our terrific committee members for their work and untiring enthusiasm throughout the year. I look forward to seeing you all at the Annual General Meeting that is being held at the Hastings Yacht Club on the 14th October. The Xmas Party this year will be held at the Hobsons Bay Yacht Club on Saturday 24th November.

Welcome to New Members

Welcome to Mick and Liz Lowther. They sail a Farr 7500 called Sea Farrer and live down at the southern end of port Phillip Bay at Rosebud. We look forward to seeing them on the water.

Welcome also to Cary and Patricia Pedicini, also from southern end of Port Phillip Bay at Balnarring. They are the new owners of the Noalex 25 known as Winsome. (Peter and Linda Williams have not retired from sailing – they have just bought another boat).

Just as exciting is a welcome back to Gary and Jenny Prescott and Graeme and Joan Cox. They have taken up associate membership, as also has Vicki Long, but she never actually left the club.

Where did all the Blue Green Algae Go To ?

By Tony Pitt

Some things that you get involved with have a real *feelgood* about them. I want to tell you about one. I want to tell you about it because it affects all of us. The program that I want to tell you about is the massive reduction in algal bloom risk for the Gippsland Lakes

The recurrent problem with algal blooms and sediment loads in the Gippsland Lakes has been well documented and frequently had the attention of the media and general public. The first recorded blue green algal bloom in the Lakes system was in 1965. Between 1965 and 1985 there 3 blooms recorded. Then from 1986 to 1990 blooms occurred every year. In 1990 stream discharge of domestic sewage was discontinued across the catchments. Severe algal blooms recurred discontinuously for the next decade, with a particularly severe bloom in 2007.

Algal blooms occur in shallow inland waterways in response to nutrient loads in the water. Blue-green algal blooms are a particular problem as they produce highly potent toxins to which we are particularly susceptible. Accidental ingestion of water with blue-green algae or even eating fish from waterways that have blue-green algae is known to have caused deaths.

The problem comes from high loads of phosphorus and nitrogen in waterways. These elements are essential for productive farming but also fodder for algal blooms.

Blue green algal blooms are a consequence of the presence of nitrogen and phosphorus in waterways.



Nitrogen and phosphorus are valuable farm fertilizers and there is no joy for the farmer in seeing them leave the farm in drains and waterways. To maximize the possible nitrogen and phosphorus on farm is a win – win situation for the farm and for the environment.

A considerable amount of public investment was undertaken in the 1990's to clean up point source pollution, such as recycling treated domestic wastewater back onto farm land, and relocating public amenities away from waterways. But the algal problem didn't go away. There was enough phosphorus coming down the Latrobe river each year from the upper catchment area to permanently sustain the algal blooms each autumn.

The CORE 4 program was initiated to provide grant funding to farmers in the upper catchment areas of the Gippsland Lakes. Farmers put forward ideas as to how they could retain phosphorus and nitrogen on their farms and keep these nutrients out of the waterways. Many of the ideas were very innovative and very progressive. The ideas were developed into on-farm projects and were then assessed on a competitive cost benefit basis. The costs were the implementation costs and the benefits were solely related to environmental

benefit. The projects with the best cost benefit ratios received grant monies, and some of the grants were considerable. The program was launched in 2011 and most of the on-farm works using grant monies were undertaken in 2012 and 2013.

So what are the outcomes? There have been no significant algal blooms on the Lakes since this program was launched. They probably will recur at some stage in the future, but they are likely to now be rare rather than recurrent events.

The CORE 4 program is one of the best programs with which I have been professionally involved and I am proud of its achievement. It was unusual in that it involved public investment into private property and privately owned infrastructure, and the program required a lot of talking to Canberra based bureaucrats to convince them that this was a good idea. The CORE 4 program still continues, and I am still partially involved. It still has *feelgood*.

MORE on TRAILER BEARINGS

By Norman Munns

People are always telling me that they change their trailer bearings ever 1 or 2 years. This is totally unnecessary if you take a few precautions.

In the workshop.

1. Buy good quality bearings that are Japanese, Australian, English or German made. Some brands to look for are Narche, SKF, or Timken, to name a few.
2. Buy bearings from an industrial supplier. (CBC, BJ bearing,) NOT!!! the big hardware store, trailer supplies, cheap auto shops. The latter are nearly always Chinese Bearings that are of poor quality, and can become quite a bit more expensive!!
3. When you take your old bearings out to fit new ones clean the hub thoroughly. Check all surfaces for burrs. Fit new bearings outers using a press or very carefully

with a hammer and piece of hard wood. (NEVER hit a bearing directly with a steel hammer)

4. With a clean finger work water resistant grease into the rollers. Put a good knob of grease in the cavity between the bearing.

5 Clean and check stub axle. Make sure seal and bearing diameter have no burrs.

6 Slide hub onto axle as far as it will go. Put washer and nut on thread tighten by hand as far as you can. Fit the Wheel. Now with the hub turning tighten the nut with a spanner till the bearing feels quite firm. It should turn smoothly. Back off the nut 1 or 2 castlelations fit new pin in hole and

bend ends around the nut. Please note it is important to spin the wheel while tightening nut .

7 Fit bearing buddy with a knob of grease inside.

At the ramp.

1 Rig your boat.

2 put 2 or 3 pumps of grease in each bearing buddy.

3 Launch.

3 Pour a watering can of water over brakes and hubs and springs. (If you have launched in salt water.)

4 Spray brakes hubs and springs with lanatec (Lanolin) CRC or WD40.

After retrieval

WHEN YOU DRIVE OFF AFTER RETREVAL, DRIVE WITH BRAKES ON FOR 50 or 60 Mtrs to wipe spray off brake disks.

At home

Hose down trailer and spray hubs brake and springs again.

Other things to look at are DURA HUBS. These are oil filled bearing buddies. There is a window on the outside where you can check the oil level, and condition of the oil.

The only other check that should be necessary is to jack up the axles and spin the wheels ever few months.

Always remember your boat trailer is the most important part of your rig for safety reasons. Looking after your trailer is a lot more important than polishing your boat.

BTYC 2018/19 CRUISE/SOCIAL CALENDAR

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>VENUE</u>	<u>COMMENTS</u>	<u>CRUISE/SOCIAL CO- ORDINATOR</u>
NOV 2018	SAT NOV 3 RD TO TUES NOV 6 TH	OPENING SAIL	GIPPSLAND LAKES	BRIEFING AT PAYNESVILLE	KENTON LILLECRAPP 0418 422099
NOV 2018	SAT NOV 24 TH	XMAS PARTY	HOBSONS BAY YACHT CLUB	SELF CATERING LUNCH MORE INFORMATION THIS NEWSLETTER	GAYE PITT 0408 266325
JAN 2019	TUES JAN 1 ST TO SAT JAN 5 TH	NEW YEAR SAIL	GIPPSLAND LAKES	BRIEFING AT PAYNESVILLE	CHRIS SLANEY 0400 764141
JAN 2019	SAT JAN 5 TH TO SUN JAN 12 TH	AROUND THE BAY in 8 DAYS	PORT PHILLIP BAY	LAUNCH AND RETRIEVE AT MARTHA COVE	TONY PITT 0408 514581
JAN 2019	FRI JAN 25 TH TO MON JAN 28 TH	AUSTRALIA DAY CRUISE	GIPPSLAND LAKES	BRIEFING AT PAYNESVILLE AUSTRALIA DAY BREAKFAST ON SATURDAY	EDWIN FLYNN 0413 454029
FEB 2019	MON FEB 18 TH TO FRI FEB 22 ND	MID WEEK CRUISE	GIPPSLAND LAKES	BRIEFING AT PAYNESVILLE	KENTON LILLECRAPP 0418 422099
MAR 2019	SAT MAR 9 TH TO MON MAR 11 TH	LABOUR DAY CRUISE	GIPPSLAND LAKES	BRIEFING AT PAYNESVILLE	EDWIN FLYNN 0413 454029
APR 2019	SAT 6 TH APR TO SUN 7 TH APR	JOINT CRUISE WITH PORT ALBERT YC	ISLANDS OF CORNER INLET	BRIEFING AT PORT ALBERT	CHRIS SLANEY 0400 764141
APR 2019	SUN APR 14 TH TO WED APR 17 TH	CHILDRENS CRUISE	GIPPSLAND LAKES	BRIEFING AT PAYNESVILLE	TONY PITT 0408 514581
APR 2019	FRI 19 TH APR TO THURS 25 TH APR	EASTER AND ANZAC DAY CRUISE	GIPPSLAND LAKES	BRIEFING AT PAYNESVILLE	To be confirmed
MAY 2019	SAT 4 TH MAY TO FRID 10 TH MAY	GLENELG RIVER CRUISE	GLENELG RIVER	MAST DOWN CRUISE LAUNCH AND RETRIVE AT NELSON	To be confirmed
MAY 2018	To be determined	BOWLS TOURNAMENT	MONT ALBERT	NOT TO BE TAKEN TOO SERIOUSLY	IOLANDA CRUZ PHIL GOODING 0425 717075
SEPT 2019	Final dates not yet set. Mid September	LOWER MURRAY CRUISE		MAST DOWN CRUSIE MANNUM & MURRAY BRIDGE	GEOFF PEPLAR 0427 275632



Heads up Everyone 2018 BTYC Xmas Party

When: Saturday 24th, November 2018

**Venue: Hobsons Bay Yacht Club
270 Nelson Pl, Williamstown, VIC 3016**

**This will be a self catering BBQ lunch.
More information will be sent out by email.**

For those of you who may want to make a weekend outing out of this, there is terrific accommodation within walking distance of the Hobsons Bay Yacht Club. There are also a great selection of cafe's and restaurants to turn this into a romantic weekend for you and your partner.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Sunday October 14 12.00 pm for 2.30 pm
Hastings Yacht Club Rooms, Hastings

Our traditional pre-season get together with a BBQ and lots of chit chat will be held at the Hastings Yacht Club Rooms on **Sunday, October 14, 2018**. And we will put the chit chat on hold for a short while for the annual general meeting while we are all there.

- **Social get together to commence at 12.00 midday onwards**
- **BYO meat for a BBQ lunch. BBQ should be ready for use from 12.30 pm onwards**
- **There will be salads, sauces and other condiments available. Also tea and coffee and a selection of pastries for afterwards.**
- **The AGM will be held at around 2.30 pm.**
- **The club treasurer will be looking for a small contribution towards the cost of the salads etc. Nominally \$5 per boat.**

Please contact Edwin Flynn on 9744 5593 or mobile 0413 454029 if you will be attending. Eddie needs to know numbers for catering purposes.

*Notice of Cruise
Season Opening Cruise
Gippsland Lakes*

Saturday November 3rd to Tuesday November 6th 2018

Cruise Coordinator : Kenton Lillecrapp

Cruise Briefing at 9.30 am, Saturday November 3rd at Paynesville on the lawn area opposite the newsagent. Sailing directions given at the cruise briefing dependent on weather conditions and forecast.

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.

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