



Bayside Trailable Yacht Club NEWSLETTER

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COMMODORE'S MESSAGE



From Kanton Lillecrapp

Hello Baysiders,

Welcome to a new year, a new committee and a new newsletter and editor. First of all though, I must thank Ed Flynn for his role as newsletter editor over the past three years (and before that for his other roles on the committee).

I now welcome Tony Pitt to this role. Tony has brought new ideas and a new look to the newsletter and has encouraged the committee to go back to the old way of mailing the newsletter out to members. We hope that this will give it a greater profile and visibility so please give us your reactions to this.

Your committee has planned for the coming year with a few changes and a slightly changed emphasis. See later in this newsletter for the Club Calendar. We have had a clear message that members love sailing on the Gippsland Lakes but have less interest in sailing elsewhere. The cruise program this year will have a definite slant towards Gippsland Lakes cruises. We are also going to try for one or two more social events this year. One change will be to go back to a different format for the Christmas party – this year in the form of a Christmas lunch at the home of Gaye & Tony Pitt at Shady Creek near Warragul (see later for details).

Later this year we are obliged to make changes to our constitution to bring it into line with the new Act. The club really struggles to get members interested in attending general meetings, so we will take this opportunity to change the number of general meetings to an AGM and only one other meeting in the year. The AGM will be moved to around October when the weather is better and more members are in Melbourne.

We are obliged to make these changes to our constitution this year. We will be sending out notices for a Special General Meeting which we propose to hold on the day of the opening barbecue. We really need your support for this as the

constitution can only be changed by a Special Resolution passed by at least 75% of our membership.

So, we are starting the year with a new look and feel and plenty of things happening. Give us your thoughts and feedback, and more importantly come along to the functions and cruises.

Hope to see you when the season warms up.

TREASURER'S REPORT

From Joan Rockliff

Hi fellow Baysiders, I hope this report finds you all fighting fit as Geoff and I are. And looking forward to the upcoming sailing season.

As of today the club has \$2,900-00 in the bank. We have just on 50% of the boats financial with the remainder yet to pay, going by last year's membership. For those still to pay, just a reminder that the \$50 yearly membership is now due. Pay by Cheque, Money Order, Cash, Bank deposit, or Internet Transfer. **Don't forget to put a reference so I know who has paid.** If you send me an email notifying me of payment, I will forward your Receipt.

The account details for payment are:

BSB 033 138 WESTPAC Account No. 36 8458
Account Name: Bayside Trailable Yacht Club Inc.

The largest bill for the year is our insurance premium. This has been paid, so now comes the important stuff of getting out there and going cruising.

See you on the water.

MEMBERSHIP DETAILS

As we are soon to start the 2013/2014 sailing season and so no members miss out on any important information sent by email or by snail mail, it is important that you check your details on the current Membership List. This includes addresses for mailing the newsletter and phone numbers. If you are aware of any past inaccuracies could you please notify Joan by email or phone.

Email joanrockliff@dcsi.net.au

Mobile 0427 275 632

Thank you for helping keep our records up to date.

A BIG THANK YOU TO EDDIE



Eddie Flynn has held our newsletter together in fine style for many years. Eddie has recently decided to retire from the committee. A Big thank you Eddie for all your work.

We particularly thank Eddie for all the time and effort he has donated to process our club newsletter. The newsletter has been a credit to the club and we have all enjoyed it immensely.

But we are not letting Eddie off the hook completely. Eddie has offered to continue to monitor and maintain the BTYC website and monitor the mailbag within the website. And the committee has gladly accepted that offer!

Thank you Eddie for a job well done! Thank you Eddie for continuing to offer your help.

CRUISE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE 2013/14

From Geoff Peplar

Your committee has been working industriously to put together a great cruise programme for the upcoming season, with a total of eight cruises planned.

The season will start off with a cracker of an event, the opening weekend in November. A special cruise from Martha Cove to Queenscliff has been scheduled for the Music Festival in late November. The Christmas Cruise at the Gippsland lakes starts December 28 and is followed by the Australia Day cruise. February hosts a ladies training weekend; this proved very successful last season. The Labour Day weekend sees a cruise on the Lakes in March, and then April features the Easter cruise, always a lot of fun!

Long distance cruising will be on the Murray River in September 2014, once again in conjunction with Riverland Cruising Boat Club, this will be an event not to be missed! But wait, there's more! If there is enough interest, another long

distance cruise will be offered in October 2014, (Destination suggestions are welcomed).

Please refer to the Cruise/Social programme in this newsletter for event dates and further details, and remember to look for the individual cruise flyers as each event date approaches.

See you at the Lakes in November for the fantastic opening weekend, sail past, sausage sizzle and presentations for salutes to the commodore, plus a Melbourne Cup sweep.

Cheers, and great sailing,

P.S. To assist with on water communications, we need to have a record of the marine radio types carried on board BTYC vessels. With this in mind a short email to Joan Rockliff (joanrockliff@dcsi.net.au) stating whether a 27meg and/or VHF radio is fitted to your vessel would be appreciated.

THE EDITOR'S DESK

From Tony Pitt

It is going to be a bit of a challenge to fill the role created by the retirement of Eddie from the committee and as an editor of the newsletter.

This first issue seems to have been relatively easy to put together because of the quality information available and contributions from members. One article that will be of interest to members will be the Tall Ships Melbourne festival which is probably not to be missed. Also of interest will be the Outcomes of the *Baysiders Café* discussion that was facilitated at a general meeting earlier this year.

Perhaps less inspiring reading are the changes to our constitution, but they are nonetheless important and I encourage all members to read this section carefully. Note the time and place for the meeting to endorse the new constitution. It is important that you vote by proxy for the new constitution as there is a requirement to obtain 75% of the votes of financial members to initiate any changes. If you can't make the meeting, make sure someone has your proxy.

You will note that this newsletter is being mailed to you as opposed to email. The committee has decided to reintroduce sending the newsletter out through the snail mail on a trial basis. Some of you may prefer however to continue to receive it by email, and so please let the treasurer Joan Rockliff or myself know of this preference and we will ensure that you continue to receive the newsletter by email.

I am very keen to get contributions from members for future newsletters. I have always enjoyed reading what other sailing adventures our club members have got up to, so please send them in. Send in other adventures or articles of interest. And send in your recipes for cooking when cruising. This is your club and your opportunity to tell people what you have been doing.

COMMODORE'S ANNUAL REPORT (as delivered at the AGM)

Kenton Lillecrapp

Annual General Meeting
July 2013

The Baysiders have finished 2012/13 with another active although mixed year.

On the Social side we had a great opening season barbecue at Andrew & Amanda's home, a successful Christmas Party, a New Year's Day lunch at the Gippsland Lakes and a Mid Winter Get-Away based at Clive and Sue's home at Avenel.

We have cruised our hearts out at the Gippsland Lakes, but disappointingly cruises closer to Melbourne have not been well attended, if at all. I have noticed a strong trend in recent years towards participation in Gippsland Lakes cruises but little interest in anything else.

Also disappointingly I report that Baysider membership has remained static or fallen slightly this year. Financially we have money in the bank and can continue to operate into next year.

The Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 was passed in November last year and we have been addressing changes that we must make to our constitution. More on this later.

Earlier this year we held our "Baysiders Cafe" where we sat around, cafe style, over a cup of coffee and tossed over a whole lot of ideas as to the running of our club. More on this later too.

The newsletter and website continue to be a Baysider success story and Ed deserves full credit for this. Unfortunately, Ed has decided not to continue as Editor or to serve on the new Committee, although he has offered to maintain the website. I thank Ed for his contribution over the years, both as Secretary and as Editor.

From a personal point of view, I have agreed to offer myself as Commodore again this year, that is, unless somebody else is keen to take on the role. I make the point however that if I am elected, this will be my third and last year as Commodore. I have a view that after three years leading a club like this, it is very important to introduce new blood and new ideas.

As I said, a mixed year, so I will hand over to individual Office Holders for their reports now.



TALL SHIPS MELBOURNE

From September 6 to September 14, 2013 Melbourne will be the host of a fleet of TALL SHIPS that are in Australia visiting various ports and taking part in several festivals. This is a rare opportunity to see these wonderfully proud craft.

The TALL SHIPS will be berthed and more specifically hosted by the Royal Yacht Club of Victoria, at the far end of Nelson Place, Williamstown. There will be opportunities to participate in guided tours, presentations from skippers and crew, and possibly short sails on the bay.

For more information the official website includes a program of scheduled activities which is to be continually updated. It is no doubt weather dependant.

www.melbournetallships2013.yachting.org.au/

The last time that Port Phillip was host to a fleet of TALL SHIPS was in 1988 when they called here on their way to the bicentenary celebrations in Sydney.

When the fleet leaves Port Phillip Bay they will be sailing down the bay and onto Hobart to take part in the Wooden Boat Festival. This will be on Saturday September 14, weather permitting, and it should be a spectacular sight. Great time to shake out the sails on Port Phillip yourself? Several of the TALL SHIPS are still advertising that they have berths available for paying passengers to join this part of the cruise. There may also be some berths available for coming into Melbourne from Adelaide, or travelling from Hobart to Sydney. Check the website if you're interested. The boats look magnificent on the website pictures.



NEW CLUB MEMBERS

We welcome into our Club new members. Welcome to John and Joan Coombs with their Whitley. John and Joan are joining the Bayside Extended Cruise to the Broadwater Queensland this September.

David Pudney has also joined the club in the last months. He joins us with his Griffin, Freya.

We hope you all have many happy hours cruising with the Baysiders.

CHECK THOSE TRAILER WHEEL BEARINGS

Kenton Lillecraap
Silk Department NX660

I have just spent this morning checking and replacing all the wheel bearings on my trailer. This is a job that should be done at least once a year and certainly before any long trip. I thought I'd pass on a little bit of this experience. When you have a failed wheel bearing on the way down to the Gippsland Lakes in the rain in the middle of the night, I hope this might help.

For those of you that regard this as a bit of a mystery – read on. Many of you know exactly what to do – stop reading now.

First of all, some stuff that will come in handy:

- Jack & jack blocks
- Hammer or mallet – to knock bearing buddies off & other stuff later
- Big shifter – to undo the retaining nut on the end of the axle
- Side cutters & pliers – to get the split pin out. And a new one in.
- Socket set – to get the brake callipers off
- String – to hold the callipers up so that the brake line does not fall & crack
- A tarp to sit on because it is bound to be wet.
- Multiple rags to clean up grease (Bunnings approx. \$5 per 1.5kg pack)
- Petrol to clean hands, bearings etc – from the boat.
- Gal bucket for petrol
- Big punch – to punch out existing bearing races
- Two short pieces of 3 by 2 - to rest the hub on when punching out the old races
- Replacement bearings
- Replacement split pins
- Wheel bearing grease
- Grease gun
- Torch/fluoro light etc – you will almost certainly be doing this in the dark.

My step by step procedure is as follows:

1. Go out and get yourself a decent hydraulic jack. Don't rely on the old car jack. And make sure you have some blocks for putting under the chassis once it is jacked up. It's no different to jacking up the vehicle. Safety first!
2. I also carry a complete hub and brake disk with bearing races already inserted and ready to go. Also the new bearings to go in them.
3. Take the wheel off and knock off the bearing buddy (or the cap if sealed).
4. Tie a cord around the brake calliper to prevent it from falling when it is unbolted. Falling could crack the hydraulic line. If you have cable brakes, forget it.

5. Unbolt the brake callipers from behind. You will need a socket wrench to get at these. Keep track of which bolt is which as it is likely that one of the bolts is larger than the other.
6. Extract the split pin with pliers and if you don't have new split pins, keep in a safe place to reuse. Remove the big washer and unscrew the retaining nut.
7. Remove the front bearing. Lift the hub off the axle. The rubber seal at the back is likely to remain on the axle.
8. Using the punch, give a few light taps right through the hub to knock the backing plate out. This is holding the rear bearing in.
9. There will be masses of old grease. Use petrol soaked rags to clean this out.
10. Rest the hub on the two pieces of 3 by 2. Use the punch and a good heavy mash hammer to belt out the old races. Both sides. They are a very tight fit, but they come eventually.
11. Clean out the hub with a petrol soaked rag.
12. Insert the new races, one at a time. Make sure that they face the right way, ready to receive the bearings. Bash them in, using the punch and the mash hammer until they are seated perfectly. There is a special tool for doing this, but it seems to be very hard to find. I have not been able to get one.
13. Get the wheel bearings ready. Put a big glob of grease in the palm of your hand. Take the wheel bearings and force the grease into the bearing by squeezing it across your hand. Don't under-do this bit.
14. Put a liberal amount of grease into the hub & around the race where the rear bearing will go. Insert the bearing.
15. Tap the backing plate in, or alternatively, the new rubber seal with an internal spring which takes the place of the backing plate. If you have this, then remove the old rubber seal from the back of the axle. If you have the new rubber seal type, tap it in with the hammer until it is flush with the hub. Wipe any grease away from the rubber.
16. Carefully fit the hub with the new rear bearing onto the axle.
17. Pack more grease into the hole at the front and then fit the new bearing.
18. Insert the big washer and then the retaining nut. Tighten the nut with the shifting spanner several times. Tighten then back off. Tighten then back off. Un-tighten enough so that the new split pin can go through the hole in the axle. Using the side cutters, bend the long side of the split pin outwards and right up to the centre of the axle. Using the side cutters again, cut off any excess on the other side of the split pin (leave about 5mm).
19. Re-bolt the brake callipers, ensuring that the brake pads are seated correctly. Undo and keep the cord that supported the callipers.

20. Check the rotation of the hub. It is likely to be "stiffish" but not too stiff. You may hear a sort of scraping sound. This will be the brake pads on the rotor and is normal.
21. Knock the bearing buddies back in with a mallet or block of wood.
22. Use the grease gun to get some grease into the bearing buddies.
23. Replace the wheel.
24. Pack all the stuff away, ready for next time.

Of course, you would use this same procedure to give the wheel bearings their annual check, and certainly before a big trip. If there is any sign of burning of the bearings at all, throw them out and replace them. And don't just get the cheap Chinese bearings from the discount auto places. These are not hardened sufficiently. Use quality bearings such as SKF, particularly for the larger boats where the bearings are carrying quite a load.

So if you are halfway down to the Gippsland Lakes on a Friday night and the rain is pouring down, you can now confidently tackle this knowing that you will be back on the road in about 30 minutes!!

COOKING UP A STORM

Tried and Proven Baysider Recipes for Preparing Amazing Dishes with a Bare Minimum of Ingredients and a Bare Minimum of Space

Avocado Dip

What you need:

- 1 fairly ripe Avocado
- 2 tablespoons of Sweet Chilli Sauce
- 2 dessertspoons of pine nuts
- Squeeze of lemon
- Sprinkle of olive oil

Lightly brown the pine nuts in a shallow pan. Remove and cool and then crush with a fork. Remove the contents of the avocado onto a mixing board and then add the pine nuts and sweet chilli sauce. Add the lemon (optional) and mix well

Serve with your favourite dry biscuits, crispy snack or slices of carrot.

Members to Note: This is your column. I am looking for lots of contributions of your favourite dishes that you make at sea.
Editor

BAYSIDERS OPENING BBQ SUNDAY 20 OCTOBER 2013

Once again we will be holding the traditional pre-season barbecue lunch at the home of Andrew and Amanda Fedorowicz.

Come along and join us for a great barbecue and great company. Hear from Joan and Geoffrey and Clive and Sue about this year's extended cruise in Queensland.

We will also be combining the occasion with a Special General Meeting to consider a proposal to change our constitution.

So come along, enjoy the day and support the club by voting at the meeting. Remember, we must get a 75% majority of all members entitled to vote in order to get this through.

The important details are:

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Time: 12.30pm

Date: Sunday 20 October, 2013

Notice of Special Meeting

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Time 2.00 pm

Sunday 20 October

Purpose of meeting: To review and vote upon proposed changes to the Constitution

Hope to see you there!



Notice of Cruise

**OPENING SAIL FOR THE SEASON
GIPPSLAND LAKES
PRELIMINARY NOTICE**

**Saturday November 2, 2013 till
Tuesday November 5, 2013
Incorporates the Annual Sail Past**

Cruise Coordinator Joan Rockliff

Launch at Paynesville or at other suitable location to be at Paynesville by 10.00 am on Saturday morning.

Cruise Plan to be advised in later issue of the Newsletter.

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

- Advise the cruise coordinator of the intent to participate in the cruise.
- The 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 the cruise early.

Further Details in the next Newsletter.

BAYSIDE TRAILIABLE YACHT CLUB INC.

CHRISTMAS PARTY 2013

Come one, come all to beautiful Shady Creek!

The Christmas party will be held on Saturday the 30th November at Gaye and Tony Pitt's farm at Shady Creek (approx 1 ½ hours out of Melbourne on the Princes Freeway). It will be a catered lunch with BYO drinks. They have plenty of room on the property so if you chose not to drive home in the late afternoon you could bring your caravan or boat to sleep in! The cost for lunch will be advised later. (Approx. \$20- per person). Further details will follow in a flyer.

This event will be great fun, so don't miss it!

Please notify Gaye Pitt by Email or phone of your intention to attend.

Email thepitts@sympac.com.au

Mobile 0408 266325

See you there!

BTYC SEASON 2013/14 CRUISE AND SOCIAL CALENDAR

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>VENUE</u>	<u>COMMENTS</u>	<u>CRUISE/SOCIAL CO-ORDINATOR</u>
OCT	SUN 20 th	PRE SEASON BBQ	KEW	BBQ LUNCH AT KEW GARDENS, KEW	ANDREW & AMANDA FEDOROWICZ PH: 0418 341443
NOV	SAT 2 nd TO TUES 5 th	OPENING WEEKEND & SAIL PAST	GIPPSLAND LAKES PAYNESVILLE	SAIL PAST SUNDAY, FOLLOWED BY PRESENTATIONS. CLUB PROVIDED BBQ AT DUCK ARM	JOAN ROCKLIFF PH: 0427 275632
NOV	FRI 22 nd TO MON 25 th	QUEENSLIFF FOLK MUSIC FESTIVAL	QUEENSLIFF	LAUNCH MARTHA COVE SAIL TO QUEENSLIFF MARINA, BERTH FEE BOOKING REQUIRED	TONY PITT PH: 0408 514581
NOV	SAT 30 th	XMAS PARTY	SHADY CREEK	XMAS LUNCH CATERED, BYO DRINKS, COST TBA	GAYE PITT PH: 0408 266325 5626 6323
DEC	SAT 28 th TO SUN Jan 5 th	XMAS CRUISE	GIPPSLAND LAKES PAYNESVILLE	BRIEFING AT PAYNESVILLE, NEW YEARS DAY LUNCH AT PAYNESVILLE	KENTON LILLECRAPP PH: 0418 422099
JAN	SAT 25 th TO MON 27 th	AUSTRALIA DAY CRUISE	GIPPSLAND LAKES PAYNESVILLE	BRIEFING AT PAYNESVILLE	ANDREW FEDOROWICZ PH: 0418 341443
FEB	SAT 15 th & SUN 16 th	LADIES TRAINING DAYS ON "TAKE IT EASY"	WESTERNPORT HASTINGS	LADIES ONLY IN GROUPS OF 3 PER DAY	JOAN ROCKLIFF PH: 0427 275632
MAR	SAT 8 th TO MON 10 th	LABOUR DAY WEEKEND CRUISE	GIPPSLAND LAKES PAYNESVILLE	BRIEFING AT PAYNESVILLE	GEOFF PEPLAR PH: 0427 275632
APR	FRI 18 th TO TUE 22 nd	EASTER CRUISE	GIPPSLAND LAKES	DETAILS TBA (OPTION TO SPLIT FLEET DEPENDENT ON LENGTH OF STAY)	NORM MUNNS PH: 0427 54400
JUN	SAT 8 th TO MON 10 th	GETAWAY WEEKEND	TBA	VARIOUS ACTIVITIES	TBA
SEP	TBA	LONG DISTANCE CRUISE OPTION 1	MURRAY RIVER	IN CONJUNCTION WITH RIVERLAND CRUISING BOAT CLUB	GEOFF PEPLAR & JOAN ROCKLIFF PH: 0427 275632
OCT 2014	TBA	LONG DISTANCE CRUISE OPTION 2	TBA	TBA	TBA

Notice of Cruise

QUEENSCLIFF MUSIC FESTIVAL

Friday November 22, 2013 till

Monday November 25, 2013

Cruise Coordinator Tony Pitt

Launch at Martha Cove

Cruise Plan : This is a cruise for music lovers who also happen to be sailors.

This cruise requires a casual berth at the Queenscliff Marina. The last contact with Marina staff confirmed that some berths may still be available but they cannot give a definite commitment. If you have already booked a berth, consider joining the cruise. If you haven't booked a berth, contact the Marina quickly, but you may not know if you have a berth until a week or so before. The cruise plan is to launch at Martha Cove on Friday November 22 and sail across the southern end of the Bay to enter Queenscliff boat harbour in the mid afternoon. Probable lunch stop at Popes Eye. Plan to enter the harbour at around 5 pm which should be slackwater at high tide. Saturday and Sunday will be non sailing days (unless the music is extremely disappointing). Monday will see a return back to Martha Cove, again following a route along the southern side of the bay and the south side of mud island.

Tides at Queenscliff Harbour

		Eastern Summer Time	Height	Eastern Summer Time	Height
Friday	High Water	6.08	0.99	16.57	0.9
	Low water	11.03	0.42	23.06	0.17
Saturday	High Water	6.39	0.98	17.37	0.89
	Low water	11.37	0.42	23.42	0.20
Sunday	High Water	7.08	0.97	19.17	0.87
	Low water	12.13	0.41		
Monday	High Water	7.39	0.96	19.00	0.85
	Low water	0.16	0.24	12.48	0.40

Trailer storage and launching:

Available at Martha Cove. Contact via the website www.marthacove.com/. There is a fee for launching and storage. Storage appears to be very secure.

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

- Advise the cruise coordinator of the intent to participate in the cruise.
- The 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 the cruise early.

If you would like to join in this cruise and you have some berthing arrangements at Queenscliff, please contact Tony Pitt at least 2 days prior to the departure date. Tel: 0408 514581 or 5626 6323

BAYSIDERS CAFE QUESTIONS & RESULTS

Following the General Meeting held at the Mordialloc Sailing Club in March, we held a "Baysiders Cafe". The concept was that we all sat around a big table café style and discussed the big issues of the club over a cup of coffee & cakes.

Here are the main questions and responses. Note that because of the small number of members involved at the meeting and the zero members who responded to the email invitation to comment, these views are indicative rather than representative.

The overall question is: "What do we do well and what could be changed or done better?"

1. Meetings (General)

- **What is good about Baysider general meetings?**
Social interaction, but we could explore a change of venue? Say a meeting at a picnic lunch.
- **Are there too many or is the number about right (4 per year – approx. quarterly)?**
Quarterly Ok, but only if we can attract greater numbers. Otherwise cut back if members not interested.
- **Are meeting venues right (currently Mordialloc Sailing Club & sometimes at social functions)?**
General meetings tied in with social functions preferred. Meetings at members' homes are good.
- **Is general meeting content right? Could it be different? Should it be shorter?**
Meetings could be held prior to briefing for a cruise or just before happy hour.
- **Is it good to have a meal first?**
Not necessary.

2. Social functions

- **What is good about our Baysider social functions?**
They are fun, being together, game playing and walking activities to be encouraged. Happy hour.
- **Are there enough? Are there too many?**
Fine the way it is. Spit roasts and sausage sizzles on the bank are enjoyed. Good to have functions at members' homes.
- **Are functions too expensive? Are we too cheap?**
*Meal prices to be comparable to that of an average hotel meal.
Prefer to charge say, \$30 per head and let others do the work.
In the first 20 years of the club members prepared and hosted events privately, with simple outlay at minimum cost. Members needs have changed and our events will reflect this.*

- **Should we mix business with pleasure? (eg, general meeting preceding a function).**
Yes. OK to have a general meeting followed by a function.
- **Are venues right? Are there alternatives?**
Mordialloc Club OK, but prefer something at members' homes.
- **Do members like a New Years Day lunch or would they prefer to be sailing?**
Lunch is preferred as it has become a tradition.

3. Christmas Party

- **What is good about our Christmas party? What could be done better?**
*Good fun. Presentations and awards should be continued. November is a good time for the Christmas party rather than the busy December period.
Very hard to attract numbers now. Could think about something different – say a lunch at a winery*
- **Are the numbers right? Is it OK to invite friends?**
Invitations to go to members with a RSVP cut off date, then friends can be invited
- **Do people like to have a themed party?**
Yes, all approved.
- **Are there alternatives? Should we go to a commercial venue & just pay for dinner/lunch?**
Yes, we should think about a venue where we just pay individually. A yacht club or a winery. Hastings Yacht Club was great last year but very hard work.
- **Is evening OK? Would lunch at a central location attract more people?**
Evening preferred, but agree a change to lunch time might attract more members.

4. Training

- **Do we do this well? Could we do more (or less)?**
Could consider additional courses.
 - a. Radio
 - b. Man overboard,
 - c. Ladies days with Joan*Each boat is encouraged to have a laminated sheet showing radio procedure in point form.
Experienced sailors sail aboard inexperienced boats to help guide technically and geographically.
We could make a DVD on trailable sailing.
Attach BTYC banners to our boats when rigging up or down to advertise.
Every boat is to have BTYC brochures available on request.
Every boat is to fly a BTYC burgee when attending a cruise.
We could hold novice open days to show the public inside our boats, how to rig etc.
The website is to be updated to describe what and how we sail and why it might be something for others to consider.
Members are expected to contribute ideas, images and content.
Promote the idea of 'grandparent' old salt mentoring for children of members.*

- **When should training be carried out? Part of general meeting format?**

Yes, simple procedures like rope throwing, knot tying and radio protocols could be demonstrated and practiced.

5. Cruises

- **What is good about Baysider cruises? What could we do better?**

We like the social interaction and particularly the happy hours at the end of the day.

- **Is the number of cruises right? Are there enough or too many?**

Number of cruises is adequate, Gippsland is preferred to Port Phillip.

- **Are one day or weekend cruises attractive to people?**

One day & ordinary weekends are too short. Long weekends preferred, perhaps some could be outside mandated dates.

- **Are cruise destinations right?**

Most members prefer Gippsland. Westernport is good, but fails to attract many boats.

- **Should there be more extended cruises?**

Still under discussion. But the concept is well accepted.

- **Are cruise briefings and information adequate?**

Yes, but cruise co-ordinator must be responsible for signing on and signing off members in order to comply with our insurance.

- **Is safety OK?**

Yes. Members are very aware of weather issues & keeping an eye on each other.

The idea of the buddy system appeals with more experienced members sailing along side or aboard an inexperienced boat.

- **Do new members feel that they are adequately included and looked after? Could this be better?**

Positive response from new members Louis & Margaret Belcourt on this.

- **Do members like to see their cruise numbers & receive cruise pennants for milestones?**

Yes, but could develop other categories that pennants might be awarded for ie; boat upkeep, presentation, playful ideas might be fun.

The main prize will be a boat full of carpet supplied by BE.

6. Membership

- **What is good about being a member of the Baysiders?**

Company, non-competitive, friendship, unpretentious, helpful, supportive

We need to develop a set of core values and filter them down into point form which could be part of our brand and be included on business cards.

- **Are member numbers right? Is the membership profile right?**

Boat numbers have fluctuated over the years from about 80 down to about 40 now. We need to encourage new membership. We are not a young family club, as there is

too much competition for young families to be involved in areas such as water and snow skiing.

Other yacht clubs have teaching programs, we are not equipped to do this, however a grandchild 'nipper' skill development could be considered on an informal level.

- **Is the annual membership subscription (\$50) right?**

Yes.

- **Are we Family Friendly enough? Are we promoting our family values enough?**

Yes

- **Do we promote and market the club adequately? What could we do better?**

Cards for handing out at boat ramps. Big forestay type banners/flags.

- **Would members buy and wear themed clothing? (eg, caps, polo tops etc)?**

Yes, Brian Enno is organising a sample fleece jacket and polo shirt for members' consideration. They will be red as base colour with white embroidery, and order form will be coming out shortly. Jackets approx. \$50 Embroidery \$5 BE has personally paid for artwork. The more units we order the less the price will be.

7. Newsletter and website

- **What is good about them?**

Pictures are great, but should load quicker.

Wives and partners' emails to be included when sending out newsletters.

Lots of information about the club, our plans etc. Should go out when subs are due.

- **What could be improved?**

Sailing tips, boat maintenance tips, Newsletters should include stories, recipes and images.

100-150 word stories about what we love about cruising and anecdotal stories, it's up to the members to contribute.

Provide a map of where pump out stations are.

Members could contribute content based on an alphabetical order system, even if it's not directly about sailing, perhaps what's happening in our lives, self-deprecating anecdotal stories are loved by almost everyone.

Expensive to send out in the mail. But might be worth it to get more involvement.

- **Is the frequency of the newsletter OK?**

Yes. About 4 per year.

BAYSIDERS' CLOTHING ORDERS

Want to be instantly recognisable as a Baysider?

We have arranged with Westernport Embroidery at Hastings to source polo tops and fleece jackets for us from JB wear. These are quality garments and will bear our logo. We have chosen a distinctive red colour.

The tops and jackets will come embroidered with the boat name on the right and the BTYC logo on the left. Check out the photo of our two models, Brenda & Phil, wearing the polo top and jacket.



The unit cost is \$44.50 for the polo top. Should you not wish to have your boat name embroidered the cost will be \$37. The polar fleece jacket with both logos will be \$54.50. You will need to contact Westernport Embroidery for a price for only one logo as at time of printing this price was not available. All that you need to do is complete the order form included with this newsletter with your details and quantities. Mark the size that you require. Please note that the ladies bust measurement is taken from under the arm and across the bust, not right around the body! The adult (men's) chest measurement is also taken from under the arm across the front of the chest and not around the body.

Send the order directly to Sue at Westernport Embroidery. You must deal with them directly and they will invoice you directly. The club will not handle any part of the order or payment process.

Looking forward to seeing a lot of very bright, distinctive Baysiders at the opening sail this year.

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CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION

We need your vote.

No this not a political advertisement.

The Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 that was passed by Parliament in November last year has made it necessary for us to make some changes to our club's constitution. If we don't make the changes then we will automatically be bound by the "model rules" of an incorporated body. For many reasons these "model rules" will make the day to day operation of our club and committee more difficult. The "model rules" were never designed with a sailing club in mind.

We need your vote to change our constitution so that it is in line with the new Act.

In order to pass any changes to our constitution we need to call a Special Meeting of the Association and at that Special Meeting 75% of all eligible members must vote in favour of any change. So this is not going to be simple. We have decided to call the Special General Meeting to coincide with the pre-season BBQ at Andrew and Amanda Fedorowicz' home at 47 Princes St, Kew on Sunday October 20, 2013.

So it is important that we have your vote at this meeting, either in person or by proxy. If you are unable to make the BBQ, please deliver a signed proxy form with your instructions to either the secretary, the Commodore or to some other member before the meeting.

The changes to the constitution have been separately sent by email to all members. If you don't have them or require more information, contact the Commodore or the Secretary and we will arrange to have them sent to you.

And we need your vote.



