



## Bayside Trailable Yacht Club NEWSLETTER

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## COMMODORE'S CORNER



**By Edwin Flynn**

Ahoy Baysiders

Oh my gosh, it is October and still we are not terribly clear as a community how we are going to live with Covid-19. At the time of writing this, Victoria has achieved 70% vaccination and we are now in a slightly relaxed lock down. Those of us who live in Melbourne can now travel throughout Metropolitan Melbourne, but not into regional Victoria and visa versa.

More freedom of associations will be permitted once 80% vaccination is achieved, but after that, our understanding is that unvaccinated people may not be permitted into restaurants and other venues. So, if any member is not yet vaccinated, please reconsider and get vaccinated, we really like to enjoy your company in our activities.

Your committee is determined to return our club's activities to normal and we have attached a proposed cruising calendar for the year 2021-2022. This calendar is of necessity flexible.

Our first activity is to hold a 1<sup>st</sup> Quarterly meeting, via a Zoom internet connection, on the 7<sup>th</sup> November. We are doing this instead of an AGM because an AGM by its nature, needs to be with as many members present

in person as possible. In the current circumstances the best we can do is to have the Quarterly meeting proposed above. The AGM will be deferred until the 13<sup>th</sup> February and it is planned to be held outdoors to overcome any Covid restrictions that may apply at that time.

It is important for our well-being to make plans and adjust them as the circumstances change. I remain positive that we will be able to go on our adventures during the coming year and I encourage all Baysiders to remain positive. Take note of the cruise dates and insert them in your diary. Things will get better.

Our first cruise is planned to be conducted from 1<sup>st</sup> December until 13<sup>th</sup> December. Joan Rockcliffe and Geoffrey Peplar are planning this cruise and have aptly named it the "Beat the Blues Cruise 2020". We will explore every lake and river in the Gippsland Lakes. In true Rockcliffe/Peplar style this is a cruise that no one will want to miss. Bookings will be essential. Many more adventures are planned and we are returning to Port Phillip Bay on two occasions this year.

The club continues to attract new members and we warmly extend our welcome to them. They will be mentioned elsewhere in this newsletter by our Membership Secretary Gaye Pitt.

I look forward to seeing all of you on as many cruises as you can come to.

## Welcome to New Members

Our club welcomes another three new members.

John and Helen Bohling are from Leopold, close to the water on the Bellarine Peninsula and sail a Noelex 25 called Eclipse. We look forward to meeting them on the water.

David and Mary Wade bring another Careel 22 into the club. Their vessel is called Knot Again and they also live close to the water at Tyabb.

John McDonald is our third new member and he brings another Sun Maid 20 called Portia into the club. John lives in Essendon.

We look forward to sailing with these new members.

## The Adventures of Mudbank Part I

In days of old (1975) when a young man named Mudbank was a sailing novice, he joined Hastings Yacht Club (HYC) hoping to crew on a fine yacht. One HYC skipper, perhaps desperate for crew quickly offered Mudbank a position as foredeck hand on a newly arrived small keelboat.

Wild Goose, the 23 foot yacht Mudbank found himself signed aboard, had recently been imported by its husband and wife owner from England, where they had sailed her on the River Crouch. The boat should therefore have felt quite at home dealing with the tides, currents, mudflats and channels of her new home.

However, her skipper and crew quickly learnt of the treachery of Western Port. Even on her maiden sail along the Hastings Channel Wild Goose tasted the mud several times and had her intrepid skipper jumping overboard to free the boat from a mudbank's clutches.

The novice crewman Mudbank, stranded her on seagrass flats adjacent to Hastings Jetty on another occasion when temporarily given the helm. Oh, the humiliation! Contending with nasty southwesterly wind changes was another challenge to face.

The first race of the summer season had the boat's helmsman screaming for all canvas to be dropped as a moderate norwester changed to a vicious southwest wind as the yacht came up to Sandy Point. However, after gathering their wits, the disconcerted and wet crew hoisted reefed sails and the boat raced on.

Miraculously, Mudbank survived his first season without too much damage although his wristwatch was consigned to Davey Jones' locker after he was dumped overboard by a gybing boom in the Eastern Entrance after a race. Along with other strong wind races and night sailing, he had a fast initiation to the joys or otherwise of sailing.

In the fullness of time Mudbank (perhaps foolishly) decided he would like to become a skipper. After talking to fellow club members and making other enquiries, he

eventually found himself the proud owner of the good ship Lowanna, a stout little Boomerang 20.

One HYC tradition for yacht skippers was to undertake a cruise to a mystical paradise known as "Hole In The Wall" located on the remote northeastern shore of French Island. The story told was that channel anchorage was available and that ships crews could lie back on sun drenched sands miles from anywhere and at night gaze at a bright, clear, starlit sky whilst contemplating the universe. This was for him!

(to be continued)



## COVID 19 REGULATIONS and SAILING WITH BTYC in 2021/22

It seems that the only thing you can really rely upon in an epidemic is that next week there will be a change. Regulations and guidelines are in constant flux. The rules around birthdays, weddings, travel, funerals and Xmas vary from week to week and from state to state. In the midst of all this, your committee has tried to run sailing and social events, many of which have been

deferred or cancelled, sometimes only to find that we could have run it after all.

Your committee has determined that participation in club events for the time being will require all participants to be double vaccinated. Sailing is an outdoor activity, and Yachting Victoria have provided some guidelines for us as to how Covid 19 regulations should be implemented in an outdoor setting. We are a very social club, and our activities are not isolated away from one another once each day's sail is completed. The BTYC committee have assessed risk and have decided that our club has a responsibility to our membership to minimize potential exposure to Covid 19. As such the committee has adopted a policy whereby club members need to establish their double vaccination status prior to participating in any future club activity.

Our membership officer, Gaye Pitt will be the registrar for the purpose of confirming your vaccination status. There are three ways you can do this:

1. Contact Gaye by telephone on 0408 266325. Show her a copy of your proof of vaccination. Using Facetime could be a good option because you can then show a copy of the record over the phone. She doesn't want to keep records of the vaccination certificate, just needs to sight it and confirm your status.
2. Forward an email to Gaye with your vaccination details attached. There are privacy concerns with the data on some documents, and you may like to redact some information such as date of birth and Medibank number. No records are kept. The email address to use is [thepitts@dcsl.net.au](mailto:thepitts@dcsl.net.au)
3. Show some proof of vaccination to the cruise coordinator or function organiser of the next BTYC event that you attend. Make sure they write down that you are confirmed so that this can be passed on to Gaye.

Please keep a watch out for more information on this topic. Any change of BTYC policy will be from the Commodore via email with confirmation down the track in the newsletter. It is likely, no, it is certain that the requirements will change with time as the epidemic progresses and hopefully wanes. But nothing is certain.

## CHANGES TO BOATING REGULATIONS IN BANCROFT BAY

Earlier this year Gippsland Ports undertook a user survey of the boating fraternity who regularly visit or travel through Bancroft Bay on the east side of Metung. The survey was conducted on-line and several BTYC members participated in the survey. As a consequence of the survey and also upon discussions with commercial and non commercial user groups, Gippsland ports have made changes to the boating regulations that now apply within Bancroft Bay.

Many of the survey responses indicated that their major concern is large displacement vessels travelling at speeds that generate an unacceptably large wake. But many respondents also expressed concern that a blanket 5 knot speed limit would be unreasonable and disadvantage the many recreational boating users of the bay.

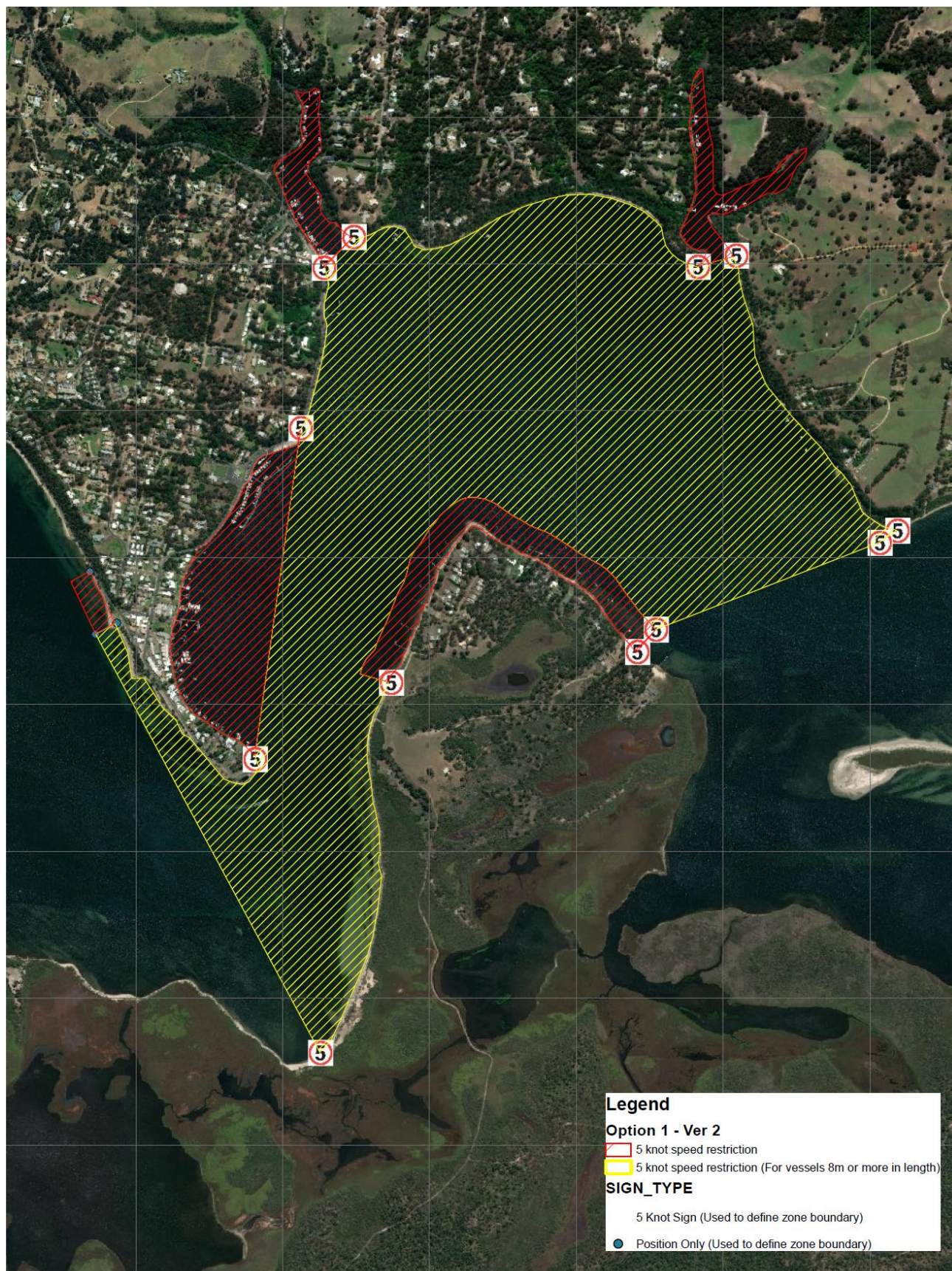
Gippsland Ports has arrived at a preferred option, which is to seek approval from Marine Safety Victoria for a 5 knot restriction to apply to vessels greater than 8 metres in length, from Shaving Point to Bell Point. Vessels under sail will be exempt from the restriction. The existing 5 knot zones parallel to the shores will remain for all vessels.

A map of the proposed new arrangements can be found below.

Gippsland Ports has arrived at this position after considering input via the survey and the views of Gippsland Water Police. They regard this as the most practical option for managing the risk without unreasonably restricting recreational boating activity. If Marine Safety Victoria approval is granted, new buoyage and signage will be provided to notify vessel operators. A common-sense approach to enforcement will be applied while vessel operators adjust to the restrictions.

Gippsland Ports will now seek the approval of Marine Safety Victoria to implement the change.







## BTYC 2021/22 SEASON CRUISE AND SOCIAL CALENDAR

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>VENUE</u>	<u>COMMENTS</u>
November	7 <sup>th</sup> November 2021	Quarterly General Meeting	Via Zoom. Meeting Link will be sent.	Edwin Flynn. To be held via Zoom. Review of the sailing season, introduce new members and receive the treasurer's report for period ending 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2021.
December	1st December to 13 <sup>th</sup> December 2021	Beat the Blues Cruise	Launch from Paynesville	Joan Rockcliffe & Geoffrey Peplar. This cruise will take us to many locations throughout the lakes including the Western sections of the lakes
January	4 <sup>th</sup> to 12 <sup>th</sup> January, 2022	Around the Bay	Port Phillip Bay	Jim Reynolds. Launch and retrieve from Wyndham Harbor. Briefing at Marina Café 9.30 am 5th January
January	26 <sup>th</sup> to 29 <sup>th</sup> January, 2022	Australia Day Cruise	Gippsland Lakes	Edwin Flynn. Briefing at Paynesville 9.30 am 26 <sup>th</sup> January (Near the Yacht Club).
January	29 <sup>th</sup> Jan to 30 <sup>th</sup> January, 2022	Opening Sail	Gippsland Lakes	Briefing at Paynesville 9.30 am 29 <sup>th</sup> January (Near the Yacht Club).
February	13 <sup>th</sup> February, 2022	AGM and Picnic	Fairfield Boathouse	Iolanda Cruze & Phil Gooding. Covid deferred AGM from last year, 2020-2021. Agenda will be sent beforehand.
February	21 <sup>st</sup> to 27 <sup>th</sup> February, 2022	Mid-Week Cruise Paynesville Music Festival Cruise	Paynesville	Edwin Flynn. Five days sailing followed by the annual music festival. Details not confirmed prior to publishing this calendar.
March	12 <sup>th</sup> March to 14 <sup>th</sup> March, 2022	Labour Day Cruise Port Phillip Bay	Wyndham Harbour	Jim Reynolds. Briefing at Wyndham Harbour. Sails to St Helen's, Sandringham, Port Alington and other destinations, subject to wind direction and forecasts.
March	Date to be set	Murray River Cruise Spectacular	Murray River, NSW and South Australia	Joan Rockcliffe & Geoffrey Peplar. Mildura to Renmark. Prior bookings and deposits for transport required.
April	11 <sup>th</sup> to 14 <sup>th</sup> April, 2022	Children's Cruise	Gippsland Lakes	Children under 12 (and some adults) will enjoy playing pirate, hiding treasure, general exploring and story telling.
April	15 <sup>th</sup> to 18 <sup>th</sup> April, 2022	Easter Cruise	Gippsland Lakes	Pre cruise dinner at Paynesville on evening of 14 <sup>th</sup> April. Destinations will depend on wind direction and forecasts
May	13 <sup>th</sup> to 15 <sup>th</sup> May, 2022	Top end of the Bay Cruise	Docklands, Port Phillip Bay	Tony Pitt. Launch and retrieve at The Warmies and berth at Melbourne City Marina. A sailing/social weekend.
September	11 <sup>th</sup> September, 2022	Ten Pin Bowling	Healthways Recreation Centre	Iolanda Cruze & Phil Gooding. Lunch at the Blackburn Hotel to be followed by 10 pin bowling at Healthways Recreation Centre.
October	2 <sup>nd</sup> October, 2022 (Tentative Date)	Annual General Meeting	Hastings Yacht Club (Venue to be advised)	Date and Venue are subject to confirmation

# *Notice of Cruise*

## *“Beat the Blues Cruise”*

### *Gippsland Lakes*

Leave the worst of the Covid 19 restrictions behind and join the marvellous **“Beat the Blues Cruise”** to be held on the sparkling waters of the Gippsland Lakes.

- Explore four rivers (includes the Latrobe River),
- Enjoy the many delights of the Mitchell River and Bairnsdale,
- Relax at “Kenton’s” anchorage in Blond Bay,
- Sail Lake Wellington,
- Stroll Ninety Mile Beach.

#### Planned Itinerary (Subject to weather)

Date	Day	Destination	Activity
December 1st	Wednesday	Briefing 9:30 Paynesville. Swan Reach	Sail Lake King & Tambo river
December 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Thursday	Nicholson River, Nicholson Wharf	Nicholson Hotel dinner
December 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Friday	Mitchell River, Bairnsdale Wharf	Morning coffee at Salvo’s Cafe
December 4 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday	Resupply Paynesville, Banksia Peninsula, Duck Arm Beach	Lunch at Paynesville, Happy hour
December 5 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday	Blond Bay, “Kenton’s” Anchorage	Sail Lake Victoria
December 6 <sup>th</sup>	Monday	McLennan Strait	Happy hour
December 7 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday	Latrobe River	Sail Lake Wellington
December 8 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday	McLennan Strait via explore Poddy Bay	Happy hour & Trivia Quiz
December 9 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday	Ocean Grange	Happy hour, beach stroll
December 10 <sup>th</sup>	Friday	Paynesville	End of cruise dinner
December 11 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday	Reserve day for inclement weather	-
December 12 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday	Reserve day for inclement weather	-
December 13 <sup>th</sup>	Monday	Spare	-

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.

Itinerary may be subject to alteration due to inclement weather or if agreed lay day called

**Please carry adequate fuel for distances involved**

**Book expressions of interest with Cruise Co-ordinators:** Joan Rockliff and Geoff Peplar  
 Message: 0427 275 632 or 0436 400 657  
 Email : joanrockliff@dcsi.net.au

## *Notice of Cruise*

# *Around the Bay 2022*

A club cruise around Port Phillip will again be undertaken in early January 2022. The cruise will aim to travel around most parts of the bay, using a combination of beach stays, protected anchorages and marina berths for safe overnight accommodation. Long distance motoring may be required so plenty of fuel should be carried. Launch and retrieve at Wyndham harbour

Dates: January 4<sup>th</sup> to January 12<sup>th</sup>

Briefing: At the Marina Café on the morning of January 5<sup>th</sup>. Daily briefings thereafter.

Register with Jim Reynolds. Telephone 0448 747648.

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