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COMMODORE'S CORNER

By Joan Rockliff



Hello everyone,

Spring has sprung with the sun getting higher each day. With warmer days our sailing season is around the corner with the Opening Cruise starting on Saturday 29th of October. It will be great to see as many members as possible attend this fun cruise.

Our AGM at The Bridge Hotel Mordialloc was a very successful event. The day started with a sumptuous lunch in lovely surroundings with views over the Mordialloc Creek and the moored yachts.

17 members attended so we just managed a quorum. Many thanks to Joan and Graham Cox who travelled all the way from Hamilton for the meeting, a sterling effort. It was a pity more members did not attend enabling a greater range of ideas on how club events could be run into the future to align with members thoughts.

I am humbled to have been re-elected Commodore and am delighted to have most of the experienced and hard working former committee returned for this year. Without the committee, made of people willing to give their time and hard work, there would be no club.

I congratulate new member Andrew Padgett who has volunteered to stand on the committee. We look forward to Andrew's input as he is a long-standing member in another boat club and has held every office bearing position over those years. Andrew comes to

our committee with a wealth of experience. I would also like to thank the other committee members who have put much work into the general business of running the club and for putting together a wonderful cruising/social program.

The club is broadening its horizons this season with social event organiser Anne Lillecrapp offering camping/caravanning/cabin trips to some wonderful locations in Victoria. The tour of the western district volcanic features using Hamilton as a base in August proved most successful. More tours are in the planning.

I am looking forward to seeing all our Sailing Members on the water over the next few months, and catching up with our Social Members joining us whenever possible.

OUTCOMES FROM THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The incumbent commodore, club treasurer, cruise director and secretary were all reappointed at the recent BTYC Annual General meeting. But that didn't mean that it was a sleepy joe event. There was some lively discussion about subscription rates which are now going to increase from next year onwards to \$70 per full membership, and \$50 per associate membership. And the issue of safety at sea once again raised concerns and lively debate.

The key concern that a number of members seem to have is whether the self inflating life jacket on board will do the job required of it in the event of an emergency. Self inflating life jackets should be checked regularly to ensure that they operate as per specification. There are two key tests. One is to inflate the jacket manually until it is fully inflated, and then let it stand overnight. It should still be tight in the morning. The other test is to accurately weigh the gas cannister. It should be within 1 gram of the stated weight, or to whatever the manufacturers recommendation states on the side of the cannister. A diary entry of these two tests is highly desirable, as time runs away and it is easy to forget that the life jacket hasn't been tested for more than 12 months.

The AGM accepted a recommendation from the committee to discontinue collecting sailing tallies of individual members past the initial 10 sails. The sailing tallies have lost accuracy in recent years and it has been decided to discontinue the system of keeping long term records. Club members will continue to be awarded a BTYC burgee once 10 club sails have been completed.

The planned Apollo Bay trip in February 2023 was discussed at the AGM as was also the long distance cruise down the Murray in March 2023. They should be great events.

Importantly from the AGM, the club was fully solvent, active, and continues to expand its membership.

CRUISE REPORT

Winter Getaway

VOLCANO COUNTRY

14TH TO 21ST AUGUST, 2022

By Edwin Flynn

Participants: *Paul Howe & Debbie Fraser Howe; Geoffrey & Susan Harmer, Edwin Flynn; James (Jim) & Cath Renolds; Norm & Annette Munns, Phil Gooding; Iolanda Cruz; Rose & Joe Ciantar; Sue & Dave Morrissey; Ron & Ruth Attard, Joan & Graham Cox*

With a great deal of anticipation, we arrived at the Lake Hamilton Motor Village/ Caravan Park on Sunday 14th August. The tour plan devised by Joan Rockliff, Geoffrey Peplar and Anne Lillecrapp contained all the details that we needed. Due to a health event Joan asked me if I could lead the tour during the first 2 days as Geoffrey needed to keep a medical appointment. Alas as Murphy rules goes, we were all very sorry and disappointed when Joan called me to inform me that they cannot join the tour. So we followed the detailed plan.

On the Monday Joan and Graham Cox, who now live in Hamilton, met us at the caravan park and after coffees they led the way to Nigretta Falls (photo above). Luckily it had been raining down there so both Nigretta Falls and later Wannan Falls were on full display. Whilst not in the same league as Niagara Fall in North America, the beauty of our two falls did not disappoint. Later we

travelled to Joan Cox's daughter Caroline's farm. Caroline's farm is a beautifully maintained property. They farm chickens, beef and lambs and also have a small family of pigs. It was fun observing one of the Caroline's kelpies mustering a few lambs, with one of the lambs facing off the dog as it patiently waited for the lamb to take the hint and join the flock. Caroline and her husband Brett were generous with their hospitality and we thank them for the opportunity to experience western district farming.

After coffees and lunch at the Bridge Café at Cavendish on Tuesday we followed Settlers Walk along the Wannan River. This leads to an historic park complete with the settler's cemetery. Even though it occurred a long time ago we could not help but be moved by the number of family tragedies of the late 1800's small pox epidemic that caused the deaths of so many children from the same household within months of one another.



The next few days was for Volcano Country exploration beginning with a visit to the Volcano Discovery Centre at Peshurst and Mt. Rouse. I live on the side of Mount Lion, an extinct volcano, but I did not know that there are still volcanoes in Victoria that are not extinct, just dormant, and have been active in the last 6000 years. From the top of Mt. Rouse, we could see the path of the volcanic flow that continued through to the Fort Fairy Lighthouse, some 70 K's to the south. Later that evening we had a nice dinner at the Botanical Restaurant in Hamilton.

Thursday came and we visited the Harman Valley Lava Flow (flow from Mt. Rouse) and the Byaduk Lava tubes. These tubes are caused by continued flow of lava beneath the solidifying volcanic rock above and the tubes have collapsed in some places to show the massive extent of the natural tunnel beneath the surface. Look closely at the photos for our tour members to fully appreciate the enormous size of these lava tubes.

We went on to the Mr Eccles National Park with a view to visiting the newly created World Heritage listed Budj Bim eel traps. Unfortunately, the directions given by Parks Victoria were sketchy (to be generous) so we did not find the actual visitors' centre. Regardless we hiked around the top of Mt. Eccles with a nice view of the lake below. We also explored a small cave we found on the walls of the crater cliff.



Friday's volcano was Mount Napier, a cone volcano that is dormant but not extinct. We drove along a dirt bush road, that seemed like a 4-wheel driving adventure, until we reached the start of the path that led up to the summit of the mountain. It was a nice walk and had seating benches very strategically placed along the track, of which we took full advantage.

Later that day we visited the Hamilton Motor Museum, where all of us pointed to cars similar to our own first car. Later some of us went across the road from our caravan park to the Sir Reginald Ansett Museum. Very interesting exhibits and I for one was fascinated at the exposed rudder controls cables on Sir Reg's first passenger aircraft. Did you know that Sir Reg was not permitted to charge a fee for passengers on his new airline? Sir Reg worked around the problem by selling oranges to his passenger instead of tickets. There is always a way around problems.

The following day, Saturday we travelled to the Tower Hill Reserve. Tower Hill's formation is known as a "nested maar", the largest of its type in Victoria. It was created by molten lava pushing its way up through the Earth's crust, before hitting a layer of water-bearing rock, which led to huge explosions. Within the crater, a series of later volcanic explosions formed a number of scoria cones and spheres, surrounded by a crater lake. Being a giant nested maar, Tower Hill is of international geological significance. Some of us walked to the top of the hill. Afterwards we set off to Port Fairy to view the terminal of the lava flow that flowed out from Mr Rouse about 1.8 million years ago.

Everybody who participated in this tour thoroughly enjoyed it. Personally, I found it most edifying. I now look at my local Mount Lion through different eyes. I learnt that those piles of rocks neatly stacked like pyramids in farm paddocks are not the product of farmer's labour after all, but are volcanic blisters. I can tell you that from now on I will look at rocks a little differently than before this tour.

Thank you Joan, Geoffrey and Anne for a terrific tour plan.

CRUISE DIRECTORS REPORT October 2022

By Geoff Peplar

I am sure that after a long, wet winter all BTYC members will be looking forward to the 2022/2023 cruising season, and we have some humdinger cruising planned!

Sadly, the Docklands Harbour cruise has had to be cancelled for reasons beyond our control, so the first event will be the Opening Weekend Cruise and cruise extension on the scenic Gippsland Lakes. This will take place from Saturday 29th October to Tuesday 2nd November with the cruise then extending to Saturday 5th November for those wishing to stay on. The season opening sail past with Commodore Joan taking the salute, will be on Sunday 30th October in Newlands Arm with a BYO barbeque on the beach at Dawsons Cove afterwards. Prizes will be awarded for most respectful or (horror) disrespectful salute.

Register your intention to be part of this event with cruise co-ordinator Edwin Flynn (0413454029).

The next cruise event will be in December, commencing Monday 5th December and continuing to Wednesday 14th December. *Beat the Blues Cruise Take 2* plans to visit the Mitchell River, Picnic Arm, Kenton's Anchorage (Blond Bay), McLennans Strait and the Latrobe River, a real adventure!

Register with cruise co-ordinator Geoffrey Peplar (0436400657) for this cruise.

The New Year sees a return to adventure on the waters of Port Phillip. This seven day cruise (but allow for an extra day) will commence from Wyndham Harbour on Thursday January 12 and finish on either the following Thursday or Friday. Launch and retrieval as well as boat and trailer storage is being arranged through Wyndham Harbour. Overnights stays will be on the beaches in the southern part of the bay and in marinas and yacht harbours at the city end.

Register for this cruise with Tony Pitt (0408514581).

More cruises will be listed in the next BTYC newsletter, but mention must be made of the season's long-distance cruise. The Murray River Adventurers Cruise is planned for Friday 10th March to Friday 24th March 2023. Starting at Mildura we will traverse c. 316 kms to finish at Renmark S.A. Unlike our previous Murray River visits this leg will be through more remote areas with limited resupply available so come prepared! The scenery will be magnificent, a trip not to be missed!

When registrations open (TBA), contact Joan Rockliff or Geoffrey Peplar (0427275632).

Cruise Director Geoffrey wishes all Bayside members safe and happy cruising, see you on the water!

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Joe and Rose Ciantar have renewed their membership with BTYC as Associate members. Joe and Rose sold their Cole 23 back in 2018 and have been enjoying the recent freedom with their caravan after many Covid lockdowns. They are well known to many existing club members and it is good to have them back, even though they will not be sailing with us.

Andrew and Bridgett Padgett sail a Sunmaid 20 called Helios. When not sailing they live in Ascot Vale. Andrew was very involved with Hartley Association for many years, being a past Commodore, Rear Commodore and Club secretary. Andrew says that Bridget is not as keen a sailor as he is and normally has to be kidnapped to spend anytime on the water. Andrew has volunteered for the committee this year.

PRE-SEASON CHECKLIST

Are you ready for the sailing season?

- Have you checked the flares for their expiry date? Are they on board? Are the old flares off?
- Have you checked the condition of life jackets, wet weather gear, sailing gloves, and footwear?
- What about all the other safety equipment. Did someone borrow the bucket? Torch? Binoculars? Charts?
- Is the running rigging all in good condition? Do any of the leads need a good wash and clean?
- Are all the mooring lines in good condition?
- What's the battery like? Does it need a charge top up? Is it holding charge satisfactorily?
- Has the outboard been serviced recently or was this something that was supposed to have happened and has been overlooked?
- What are the trailer bearings like? When were they last repacked? What is the tension like on the lock nut? Brakes?

So everything has been checked off and all is OK. **Now how about a spring clean!**

Important Notice of Forthcoming Social Event

2022 Baysiders Christmas Lunch
RIPPLEBROOK WINERY
SUNDAY NOVEMBER 20TH 2022

Come and join us for Christmas lunch and a friendly get-together at a country winery.

Maybe stay nearby at Gaye and Tony Pitt's farm.

Ripplebrook Winery is located on Westernport Road just south of Drouin among undulating green hills. The Bunyip State Park and the Baw Baw massif to the north complete a beautiful backdrop.

The restaurant features Aeolian inspired woodfired pizzas from the family's traditional recipes.

Date: 20 November 2022

Time: 12.30pm

Ripplebrook Winery, 681 Gardener & Holman Road, Ripplebrook

Cost: \$40 per person (to be paid to BTYC in advance).

This is a set menu with platters served to the table:

Anti-pasta platters for the table

Bowls of their famous hand cut patate frites

An assortment of delicious woodfired pizzas

Fresh mixed salads harvested from the garden

Individual dietary needs if required. Gluten free/vegetarian.

Drinks and deserts are extra.

Winery Bookings:

Please text Anne Lillecrapp (0438 116 665) to make your booking. Anne needs to know by Sunday 30th October. Pre-pay (\$40 per person) by EFT directly into the Baysiders bank account as we have to give the winery a firm commitment on numbers. Identify your payment with your name.

The club bank account is:

Westpac Bank

Account name: Bayside Trailable Yacht Club

BSB: 033 138

Account number: 368 458

Accommodation Option

For those coming a long way or if you simply want to extend the weekend, Gaye and Tony Pitt have offered to have Baysiders stay at their farm 25 minutes away at Nilma North. Bring your own camper, or caravan, or even stay in the house (two bedrooms available). Arrive Saturday afternoon, BYO BBQ dinner Saturday evening and then stay the night. After a leisurely Sunday morning, drive to Ripplebrook Winery for lunch. Alternatively arrive Sunday morning and set up before driving to Riipplebrook for lunch. Please phone Gaye Pitt on 0408 266 325 if you would like to take up this option.

Please note that the car park at the winery cannot accommodate caravans and campers.

***BTYC 2022/23 UPDATED CRUISING AND SOCIAL
CALENDAR (for the rest of this season)***

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>VENUE</u>	<u>COMMENTS</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
OCTOBER NOVEMBER	SAT 29TH to SAT 5TH	OPENING WEEKEND CRUISE & EXTENSION 2ND TO 5TH	GIPPSLAND LAKES	SAIL PAST NEWLANDS ARM SUN 30TH, BBQ DAWSON COVE	EDWIN FLYNN 0413454029
NOVEMBER	SUN 20TH	XMAS LUNCH	RIPPLEBROOK WINERY, RIPPLEABROOK	RIPPLEBROOK WINERY, RIPPLEBROOK See Invitation for other details	ANNE LILLECRAPP 0438116665
DECEMBER	MON 5TH to WED 14TH	BEAT THE BLUES CRUISE (TAKE 2)	GIPPSLAND LAKES	PAYNESVILLE TO MITCHELL RIV, PICNIC ARM, KENTONS ANCHORAGE (BLOND BAY), MCLENNANS STRAIT, LATROBE RIV.	GEOFF PEPLAR 0436400657
JANUARY	THURS JAN 12 th to FRIDAY JAN 20 th	AROUND THE BAY	PORT PHILLIP	LAUNCH AND RETRIEVE FROM WYNDHAM HARBOUR	TONY PITT 0408514581
JANUARY	SUN 22ND TO WED 25TH	LEAD UP TO AUSTRALIA DAY CRUISE	GIPPSLAND LAKES	RELAXED CRUISING BEFORE THE BIG DAY	KENTON LILLECRAPP 0418422099
JANUARY	THUR 26TH TO SUN 29TH	AUSTRALIA DAY CRUISE	GIPPSLAND LAKES	VISIT OUR FAVOURITE ANCHORAGES	EDWIN FLYNN 0413454029
FEBRUARY	MON 6TH to FRIDAY 10TH	CAMPING/CARAVAN EVENT	APOLLO BAY	EXPLORE ATTACTIONS IN THE WESTERN DISTRICT	ANNE LILLECRAPP 0418422099
FEBRUARY	FRI 17TH to FRIDAY 24TH	LEAD UP TO MUSIC FESTIVAL CRUISE	GIPPSLAND LAKES	LAKES ENTRANCE BARRIER LANDING METUNG	JOAN ROCKLIFF 0427275632
FEBRUARY	SAT 25TH to SUN 26 TH	PAYNESVILLE MUSIC FESTIVAL	PAYNESVILLE	EXACT DATES TBA. ENJOY THE MUSIC	TBA
MARCH	FRI 10TH to FRI 24TH	MURRAY RIVER ADVENTURERS CRUISE	MILDURA TO RENMARK C.316KMS.	EXPLORE A MORE REMOTE SECTION OF THE RIVER. TRAILER/CAR LOCKUP PARINGA	JOAN ROCKLIFF & GEOFF PEPLAR 0427275632
APRIL	FRI 7TH to TUES 11 TH	EASTER CRUISE	GIPPSLAND LAKES	RELAXED CRUISING ON THE LAKES	TBA
APRIL	WED 12TH TO FRI 5TH	CHILDRENS CRUISE	GIPPSLAND LAKES	ROAM THE HIGH SEAS IN SEARCH OF BOOTY & ADVENTURE	TONY PITT 0408514581
MAY	MON 15TH TO FRI 19TH	FROST BITE CRUISE	GIPPSLAND LAKES	STAY IN PAYNESVILLE C'VAN PARK, CARAVAN OR CABIN OR STAY ON BOAT. DAY SAILS TO VARIOUS PICNIC/BBQ DESTINATIONS	JOAN ROCKLIFF 0427275632

NOTICE OF CRUISE
SEASON OPENING CRUISE

Paynesville

*Saturday October 29th to Tuesday November 1st
Plus Extended cruise to Saturday November 5th*

The 2022 BTYC Season Opening Cruise will be held in the Gippsland Lakes and will commence with a briefing on the lawn opposite the Paynesville pharmacy and adjacent to the Gippsland Lakes Yacht Club on Saturday 29th October 9.30 am. The cruise will incorporate a sail past and an appropriate salute of recognition to The Club Commodore in Newlands Arm on Sunday October 30th.

Please contact Edwin Flynn on 0413 454029 and register if you intend to participate in this cruise.

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.
- It is always the Master of the Vessel's decision alone as to whether to cruise or to discontinue and retire from a cruise.

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