



Bayside Trailable Yacht Club NEWSLETTER

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COMMODORE'S CORNER

By Joan Rockliff



Hello everyone,

Some of this report was written from Coolum Beach, Queensland, as Geoffrey and myself escaped to a milder winter. I know quite a few other BTYC members also travelled north this winter for varying lengths of time; we caught up with some along the way. All are now home.

My belief is your enthusiastic and diligent BTYC Committee generated a very interesting and exciting program for season 2022/23 as reflected in the generally good attendance numbers. The success of the Yorke Peninsula Land Cruise has demonstrated other forms of club activity are able to be presented to members and they will eagerly participate.

The BTYC cruising season 22/23 reached a very satisfactory conclusion with the last two events being completed, namely the Children's Cruise and the Frostbite Cruise. As per Tony Pitt's report in the April Newsletter, the band of enthusiastic pirates had a fruitful time on the high seas raiding unsuspecting ships and crews. See elsewhere in this newsletter for a full report on the Frostbite Cruise.

Regarding the sailing, as written in an earlier newsletter the gods certainly handed out a bag of mixed assortments in respect to the weather early in the sailing season. However, things did settle down further into 2023 for our cruising and some wonderful sails

were had. A quality of yachting's nature is to throw in the odd challenge or two along the way to ensure crews stay on their toes. Of course, Victoria's *never a dull moment* coastal weather is always ready and willing to oblige in causing or enhancing said challenges.

Social events were keenly attended, namely the traditional Christmas party with Ripplebrook Winery proving an excellent venue, and the Williamstown lunch get together. In my opinion these functions iced the season cake!

The committee thanks all participants of the cruises and other events. As always, your good humor and wonderful camaraderie make BTYC a tremendous outfit!

Regarding club growth, quite a few membership applications were received and approved over this season and so please give these new members a hearty welcome when they join us at our club events. I know some of our new members have already embraced our events.

Importantly, I wish to thank all BTYC Committee members for their hard work and commitment to the club and its success. Thank you to those who volunteered to be cruise coordinators; without them there would be no cruising and no club! If you have not been a cruise coordinator before, please strongly consider giving it a go. There will be an experienced cruise coordinator with you for advice. You will find it very rewarding.

So now we prepare for the rapidly approaching 2023/24 season! **22/10/2023** is the date of the first event, the **AGM** to be held at the Bridge Hotel Mordialloc. We have a 12:00 midday start with a Bistro lunch and then the group will adjourn to an upstairs meeting room. It is **important as many members as possible** attend this AGM as it will determine the future of our amazing club. Committees need input from members for future success! Members need to **elect a committee of their choosing** and know about important club matters that may affect them. Important decisions are to be made. **Please don't miss this lunch and meeting!**

Times have changed from the past and for the benefit and safety of all, and it is now necessary (as per a previous newsletter) that any vessel taking part in a

BTYC cruise event carry as a minimum, insurance cover for Third Party Liability. To sign onto any cruise, it will be a requirement to sign a declaration to this effect. Additionally, this declaration will state the vessel complies with relevant Marine Regulations.

Please note Marine Regulations have been updated and all skippers should acquaint themselves with the changes. There is a new Marine Safety Victoria Handbook with the updated regulation available and you can view this by googling Marine Safety Victoria Handbook. We are endeavoring to get copies for every BTYC member.

Adults participating in the Children's Cruise must now undertake a Working With Children Check. There is no cost to obtain the check which is administered by Service Victoria. The application is undertaken on-line and you can apply to workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au or go through the service.vic.gov.au site. This is a sign of the times that all clubs need to comply with this requirement. It's a part of keeping children safe, and for parents and guardians to know that they're safe.

On a lighter note, enjoy the October BTYC Newsletter read, take note of the program for the 2023/24 season and jot down dates in your diary.

We start off with a ripper and not to be missed cruise (unofficially tri annual) from Port of Sale to Lakes Entrance, with the Opening Weekend and sail past being run in conjunction with this cruise (please refer to the two Notices of Cruise elsewhere in newsletter). As you will see for this season there are explorations of some different waterways on offer. Excitingly, the Mighty Murray Cruise is back on the agenda (**look out for emailed Notice of Cruise**) as well as a Port Welshpool to Port Albert adventure. Of course, there are many wonderful Gippsland Lakes cruises programmed. And don't forget the amazing land cruises to come!

In closing I look forward to catching up with all at the lunch and **important** Annual General Meeting in October and all our events.

Regards to all and enjoyable and safe sailing,

CRUISE REPORT FROSTBITE CRUISE , MAY 15th to 20th, 2023

By Geoff Peplar and Joan Rockliff

Participating Vessels: *Grasshopper, Seaspray, Crystal Waters, Calypso, Take It Easy.*

A sailing season planning meeting of your BTYC Committee for 2022/23 agreed to extend the length of the season by offering an event in May. The suggestion of naming it Frostbite Cruise seemed very apt. The intent was for overnight accommodation in a cosy caravan or cabin in the Paynesville Holiday Park. Additionally, as the park had a heated camp kitchen, this would be used for happy hour get togethers. If they wished, those with tougher constitutions and wooly jumpers could stay on their boats at Paynesville.



The five day event commenced on Monday 15th May with the morning briefing and then departure by a keen Shane and Rohan aboard *Seaspray* and Joan and Geoff on *Take It Easy*. Sailing in light winds and with a sunny

sky from Paynesville, the boats headed for Sperm Whale Head Jetty. A mosquito free stroll and relaxing picnic lunch was then enjoyed by the crews before returning to home port. That evening the first arrivals at happy hour turned on the heater! The first get together was memorable with later arriving crews present and relatively new members Grant and Sue Mathews and Greg and Naomi Reed introduced to members they had not met previously. Club Burgees were presented to Grant and Sue, Greg and Naomi, by Membership Secretary Martin and it was good to catchup with Norman and Annette Munns when they called in.

Graeme and Joan Cox had arrived in Paynesville a day or two earlier and were staying in a cabin. Sadly, they announced at happy hour MV Buddy was for sale and they would no longer be boating. They will be greatly missed, being long standing and active members.

The next morning saw three vessels ready for the day on the water. Weather forecast was not ideal as the western sky looked a little threatening with showers and an increase in wind predicted. Nevertheless the boats headed off for Duck/Picnic Arm as cabin boy Geoffrey had asserted the rain would slip southeast. Wrong! Within about fifteen minutes after departure the wind increased from southwest accompanied by a heavy drizzle. Although a maximum wind gust reaching only twenty-six knots came through, as the day had turned gloomy and wet, cruise coordinator Joan called on the boats to return to port. Seaspray and Take It Easy eventually moored safely and were then treated to an interesting lesson on fancy kedge work demonstrated by Crystal Waters. This to clear her from a potentially smelly underwater hazard in McMillan's Strait. Perils of the deep are legion!

Wednesday had the BTYC boats on a bold venture! In perfect conditions Duck and Picnic Arms, Sperm Whale Head for lunch, and then Ocean Grange were visited. The return to Paynesville was via a sail past of Steamer Landing. While navigating Aurora Channel, large flocks of squabbling seabirds were interrupted from their preening as they rested on the many islands after a day hunting fish in algae free, clear waters. Crew's hearts were uplifted upon a dolphin sighting in McMillan Strait and to top off the wonderful day, a warm and convivial happy hour and then dinner at the local pub. However

a sighting of local wildlife inside the hotel was disconcerting.

Day four presented more good weather and crews strolled down to the boats, some with coffee in hand. A late morning briefing allowed dew to evaporate from decks and revealed a plan of lunch at the Metung Pub, the sailing course to leave Raymond Island to port. Intent of a visit to Resides Jetty on Raymond Island had to be abandoned as intelligence gathered by Martin and Denise from friends who live locally advised of hazardous shallow waters at this jetty. Further investigation by a brave or perhaps foolhardy crew is required! The departure from Paynesville in light to moderate airs and arrival at an almost deserted Metung Jetty had crews chatting then wandering up to the hotel for a pleasant lunch. In the fullness of time the mariners departed port for the slowish beat back to Paynesville. Mooring and tidying the boats preceded crews setting course for the comforts of the caravan park and another relaxed happy hour.

Friday 19th May dawned partly cloudy, the forecast was for showers later in the day. This would be the last day of the cruise and mark the end of the BTYC sailing season. Vessels departed for Nicholson following morning briefing and experienced a pleasant journey in the light southwesterly wind, Take It Easy providing some coaching to Seaspray along the way. The Mitchell River Channel then Nicholson River entrance were negotiated without incident and the flotilla proceeded to Nicholson Jetty. Some crews visited the Highway Cafe and purchased scallop pies, so delicious! Apparently some crews had preordered their pies whilst out on Lake King!

As Grasshopper's trailer was in storage at Nicholson, Martin and Denise concluded their cruise whilst the other boats sailed back to Paynesville. Rain showers were advancing eastward with clouds appearing to hold threat of a squall so Take It Easy put a reef in the main in Lake King. The squall proving to be a fizzer, the reef was shaken out and then a good sail for the boats eventuated as the wind steadied to a moderate southwester. That evening dinner was booked at Restaurant 3880 in Paynesville for the group to mark the cruise and season completion.

In conclusion the event was well worth attending with quite an amount of sailing miles covered despite mostly

late morning departures and the early sunsets. Generally the weather was kind and not as volatile as experienced over spring and summer. Of course days were quite cool but the thought of cosy accommodation at day's end were comforting! Thankfully, no cases of frostbite with resultant loss of digits or other assorted appendages were reported! Thank you to all who attended this cruise and the 2022/23 sailing season's other events. What a wonderful club we have!

Officially, a Court Martial is pending for a member of Take It Easy's crew. Never take advice from a cabin boy.

SAILING SNAKE CHANNEL AND THE MIDDLE GROUND January 10 to January 15, 2024

By Tony Pitt

BTYC has not ventured into the waters around Port Welshpool and Port Albert for at least 15 years. With a reputation for being a wild and windy place, with lots of sandbars and strong tidal flows, it is not without its detractors. However it is also a fascinating part of Victoria with some very rich history. And it is also a very sheltered waterway with plenty of spots where boats can sit out any bad weather that comes along.

This coming season the club has decided to embark once more into this waterway. We will launch at Port Welshpool on January 10th and spend the first night there before embarking to the Middle Ground. Crossing the *hump* has to be done close to high tide, although it can be motored across at half tide if required. From the Middle Ground we will sail up Snake Channel with the intended destination of Port Albert. Our sail plan is to spend the next three nights at Port Albert, with a day sail out to the Cromwell bank, and possibly a land excursion to the mural township of Yarram. There are two other possible day sails from Port Albert, all weather dependent.

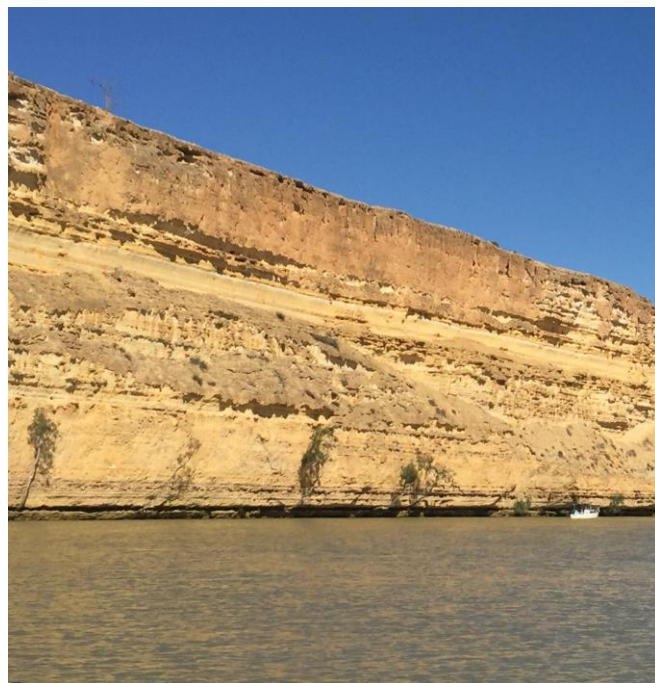
The sailing flotilla (presumably more than just Sapphire) will return to Port Welshpool on January 14, crossing the hump again in the afternoon this time. Retrieval will be the following day. And yes, there is a spare day to allow for bad weather.

So if you want to join Sapphire and her crew to explore this rather remote Victorian waterway, please contact Tony Pitt on 0408 514581.

RIVER MURRAY CRUISE March 12 to March 25, 2024

By Kenton Lillecrapp

Yes, it's on again. The famous Baysiders River Murray Cruise. This time we will be launching boats at Berri and finishing the cruise at Blanchetown. On the way we will pass through locks, visit the local villages, camp on river banks, lunch at a winery, enjoy several pub meals and pass beneath spectacular high cliffs.



The cruise this year is planned to fit between the SA and Vic March long weekend (Sat 9 March to Mon 11 March) and Easter (Friday 1 April to Mon 4 April). This is designed to avoid peak road travel times and peak time for wake boats etc on the river. Vehicle and trailer storage is also unavailable to us during the holiday weekends.

The cruise will be limited to a maximum of 10 boats. There is limited space in many of the pulling in places

along the way and limits to the number which the minibus can accommodate. You will be recorded in the list of participants in the date order of your payment to the Baysiders bank account. *An email or phone call is not sufficient.* You must make payment to be recorded. (See further detail below).

Overview:

Tuesday March 12, 2024	Arrive Berri and launch boats. Shopping
Wednesday March 13 2024	Drive cars & trailers to Paringa storage. Bus return to Berri.
The next 11 days	Various ports and bush anchorage
Monday March 25, 2024	Arrive Blanchetown
Tuesday March 26, 2024	Bus to Paringa. Return with cars and trailers. Retrieval.

Our destinations and activities will include but not be limited to all of the following:

Berri for shopping	Whirlpool bend for a swim
Loxton for a barbecue	Coffee at Moorook cafe
Kingston on Murray	Morgan opportunity shop
Yellow boat inlet	Kitchener buns at Waikerie
Banrock station winery	Lunch at Overland Corner hotel
Lock passage	Countless postcard scenes

Cars and trailers will be stored at Paringa at RiverFun Houseboats. The address is Lock 5 Road, Paringa, SA. The cost is \$4 per night (unchanged from 2 years ago) which means \$52 per car and trailer (13 nights). This will be paid as a group.

We will launch boats into the Berri Lagoon. There is a very good double launch ramp here (but no jetty or pontoons). We will motor 50 metres to the other side and go bow into the bank. This launch ramp and lagoon is very sheltered & ideal for us. You must arrive during Tuesday 12 March and launch that day. You must not arrive late or camp in the car park.

The next morning drivers will take cars to Paringa where the bus will pick us up at 10.00am for the return to Berri. Note that after boat launching and while you still have a car, this is the time to do any shopping.

We will be taking a bus from Kingston on Murray to Banrock Station Winery. The cost of the bus for each boat will be \$53. This is also included in the amount below to be paid up front. (Note. No dogs are allowed at Banrock).

Masts and sails should be left at home. This cruise is motoring only. I have a short timber "mast" about a metre tall and a timber "boom" that comes all the way to the stern to line up with my bimini. This boom arrangement supports my sun shelter. I can have this fully out (ie horizontal) for sun protection while we travel, or rolled forward to the mast if it is not needed. At this time of the year some sort of sun shelter is generally needed.

For navigation our main reference will be "*South Australia's Waters. An Atlas and Guide*" by the Boating Industry Association of South Australia. This is a very detailed book of maps. Our cruise from Berri to Blanchetown covers 40 pages of the book. It shows sand banks, shallows, snags, ferries, bridges, pumpout stations, distance marks (every 2 km), etc. Another book that is really interesting but not really necessary if you have the Atlas is "*Murray River Pilot*" by Baker-Reschke.

To secure your place in this cruise you need to pay the combined cost estimate of \$180 by EFT straight into the club's bank account:

Bayside Trailable Yacht Club
BSB: 033-138
Acct: 368-458
Total amount required: \$180

Remember, the cruise will be limited to 10 boats and you will not be registered for the cruise until your money is in the bank account.

Because booking and transfer commitments are now in place with the bus companies, the club has to have a cancellation procedure if a member has to cancel after already registering and paying for the cruise. The club may not be able to give a full refund if you cancel, particularly if there are no members on the list to take your place. Those members who end up on the waiting list will receive a full refund if they cannot be part of the cruise.

BAYSIDE TRAILABLE YACHT CLUB SAILING/SOCIAL CALENDAR

2023/24 SEASON

MONTH	DATE	EVENT	VENUE	COMMENTS	CONTACT
OCTOBER	SUN 22ND	ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, ATTENDANCE IMPORTANT	BRIDGE HOTEL MORDIALLOC	COME FOR LUNCH 12.00 NOON ATTEND THE AGM AND INPUT INTO THE AFFAIRS OF YOUR CLUB	JOAN ROCKLIFF TEXT 0427275632
OCTOBER/ NOVEMBER	MON 30TH OCT TO FRI 10TH NOV	SALE CITY TO LAKES ENTRANCE CRUISE	GIPPSLAND LAKES	LAUNCH PORT OF SALE, LEAVE CARS/TRAILERS P'VILLE, BUS TRANSFER FROM P'VILLE TO SALE ON SUN 29 TH THIS EVENT INCORPORATES OPENING WEEKEND & SAILPAST	GEOFFREY PEPLAR 0436400657
NOVEMBER	SAT 4TH TO TUES 7TH	OPENING WEEKEND & SAILPAST	GIPPSLAND LAKES	SAILPAST NEWLANDS ARM SUN 5TH, BBQ DAWSONS COVE	GEOFFREY PEPLAR 0436400657
NOVEMBER	SUN 26TH	CHRISTMAS PARTY	RIPPLEBROOK WINERY	A RELAXED CELEBRATION. STAY AT T&G PITT'S PROPERTY FOR THOSE WHO WISH	ANNE LILLECRAPP (leave message) 0438116665
JANUARY	WED 10TH TO MON 15TH	WELSHPOOL TO PORT ALBERT CRUISE	WELSHPOOL, PORT ALBERT	EXPERIENCE THE PLEASURE OF VISITING A DIFFERENT WATERWAY & ENJOY THE SCENERY	TONY PITT 0408514581
JANUARY	MON 22ND TO MON 29TH	AUSTRALIA DAY CRUISE	GIPPSLAND LAKES	RELAXED CRUISING. ATTEND WEEKEND ONLY FOR THOSE THAT WISH	CRUISE DIRECTOR 0436400657
FEBRUARY	SAT 10TH TO WED 14TH	WESTERN PORT ADVENTURE CRUISE	WESTERN PORT	LAUNCH HASTINGS, SUGGESTIONS VISIT WARNEET, SPIT POINT, SAN REMO, SANDY POINT.	CRUISE DIRECTOR 0436400657
MARCH	TUES 12TH TO TUES 26TH	MURRAY RIVER ADVENTURERS CRUISE	BERRI TO BLANCHETOWN S.A.	EXPLORE A SPECTACULAR SECTION OF THE RIVER. TRAILER/CAR LOCKUP REGISTER OPENING DATE: TBA	KENTON LILLECRAPP 0418422099
MARCH/APRIL	FRI 29TH MARCH TO TUES 2ND APRIL	EASTER CRUISE	GIPPSLAND LAKES	RELAXED CRUISING ON THE LAKES	CRUISE DIRECTOR 0436400657
APRIL	SAT 6TH TO TUES 9TH	CHILDREN'S CRUISE	GIPPSLAND LAKES	ROAM THE HIGH SEAS IN SEARCH OF ADVENTURE & BOOTY	TONY PITT 0408514581
APRIL/ MAY	THURS 18TH APRIL TO THURS 2ND MAY	NORTHEAST VICTORIA LAND CRUISE	VISIT BRIGHT, KING VALLEY JAMIESON AND MORE	ATTEND THE BRIGHT AUTUMN FESTIVAL & ETC.. ACCOMODATION IN CARAVAN, CAMPER, TENT, OR CABIN	JOAN ROCKLIFF 0427275632
MAY	MON 13TH TO FRI 17TH	FROST BITE CRUISE	GIPPSLAND LAKES	STAY IN PAYNESVILLE C'VAN PARK, CARAVAN OR CABIN OR STAY ON BOAT. DAY SAILS TO VARIOUS LUNCH DESTINATIONS	GEOFFREY PEPLAR 0436 400 657
SEPTEMBER (2024)	THURS 12TH TO WED 18TH	MAFFRA IN THE SPRING LAND CRUISE	MAFFRA	EXPLORE THIS WONDERFUL REGION. ACCOMODATION IN CARAVAN, CAMPER, TENT, OR CABIN	TBA

Baysiders Christmas Lunch

12.00 Midday Sunday November 26, 2023

Come and join us for Christmas lunch and a friendly get-together at the newly renovated Ripplebrook Winery Restaurant. The Ripplebrook Winery is located on Westernport Road just south of Drouin among undulating green hills and pasture land with Mount Baw Baw and Bunyip Ranges as a beautiful backdrop. The restaurant features Aeolian inspired woodfired pizzas from the family's traditional recipes.

Our Christmas lunch will be a set menu with platters served to the table:

- Antipasti platters of cured meats, cheeses, olives, seasonal fruit and vegetables and crackers,
- Bowls of their famous hand cut patatine frites,
- Flathead tails,
- Arancini balls,
- A selection of delicious woodfired pizzas,
- Individual dietary needs if required. Gluten free/vegetarian.

The cost is \$50 per person. Drinks and deserts are extra.

Accommodation

For those coming a long way or those who simply want to extend the weekend, Gaye and Tony Pitt have offered to have Baysiders stay at their farm just 25 minutes away at Nilma North. You may bring your camper or caravan or even stay in the house (three bedrooms available). Arrive Saturday and share a dinner Saturday evening and Sunday breakfast. Then late morning drive to Ripplebrook Winery for lunch.

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

Please phone Gaye Pitt on 0408 266 325 if you would like to take up this option.

Winery Bookings:

Please text message to Anne Lillecrapp on 0438 116 665 to make your booking. Anne needs to know by Sunday 12th November. To secure your booking, please pre-pay your \$50 per person by EFT directly into the Baysiders bank account as we have to give the winery a firm commitment on numbers.

Please identify your payment with your name.

The club bank account is:

Westpac

Bayside Trailable Yacht Club

BSB: 033 138

Acct: 368 458

Looking forward to seeing you there.

Anne Lillecrapp

Baysiders Social Secretary

0438 116 665

Notice of Cruise
Port of Sale to Lakes Entrance
Monday October 30 to Friday November 10

This cruise will transit the length of the Gippsland Lakes from the Port of Sale to Cunningham Arm at Lakes Entrance. It is an iconic journey, with many stops along the way. A full outline of the planned itinerary is available from the cruise coordinator Geoff Peplar. Participating vessels will need to be able to raise masts while moored to the bank after the transit beneath the road bridge at Longford.

Special arrangements are in place for a one way journey, with launching at Sale and retrieval at Paynesville.

This cruise will operate in conjunction with the Opening Cruise and Commodore Sail Past in Lake Victoria on the Melbourne Cup weekend.

Book your involvement with Cruise Coordinator Geoffrey Peplar by **TEXT** only. MBL: 0436400657

IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF ALL SKIPPERS TO:

Advise the Cruise Coordinator by text of their intention to participate in the event no later than the Thursday night October 26. If you are subsequently unable to attend, you must contact the Cruise Coordinator again.

Attend the briefing or make radio or phone contact with the Cruise Coordinator at the start of the cruise.

Carry adequate charts of the proposed cruise area.

Ensure that their vessel complies with all relevant legal and marine safety requirements.

Maintain a radio listening watch at all times

Operate in accordance with all legal and safety requirements including wearing of life jackets when required.

As per BTYC policy it is the skipper decision to commence to cruise and continue to cruise.

Meeting Notice
Annual General Meeting
12.00 Midday on Sunday October 22nd

The 2024 Annual General Meeting of the Bayside Trailable Yacht Club will be on Sunday October 22nd at the Bridge Hotel, 1-4 Nepean Highway, Mordialloc (technically Aspendale on the south side of Mordialloc Creek).

The arrangements are to have lunch in the bistro and then move to an upstairs meeting room afterwards for our AGM.

Please let Joan know by text (0427 275 632) that you intend to come. We need to let the hotel know the numbers for lunch.

Please come and have an input into the future of your club.

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK

Your committee has decided that all adults that participate in the Childrens Sail will need to undertake a Working With Children Check. This includes those adults that think and behave like children.



Working With Children Checks are administered by Services Victoria. The procedure is very simple. You apply through the Services Victoria website and this can be from a computer or phone. If you don't have a Services Victoria account you will need to create one. Apply as a volunteer with the Bayside Trailable Yacht Club. There is no fee involved if you apply as a volunteer with a registered organisation.

You may be already involved with other groups who work with children you have already undertaken a Working With Children Check. You will need to get some verification of this to bring along to the Childrens Sail

Gaye Pitt has kindly offered to be the compliance officer for the Childrens Sail in April 2024.

SIGNING-ON TO A CRUISE

It is the responsibility of the cruise coordinator to ensure that the skipper of each participating vessel signs-on to the cruise. The sign-on procedure will in future include a declaration that the vessel is compliant with marine safety regulations and that the vessel has third party liability insurance.

Collecting details about third party insurance for club vessels is proving to be a bit of an administrative nightmare. The BTYC committee has now decided that instead of asking our treasurer and membership officers to gather and store this information, the sign-on sheet for each cruise will be updated to include a personal declaration that their boat is covered for third party liability insurance.

You will not need to produce any insurance certificates for this sign-on. We are actually trying to make this easier for all concerned. You will simply make a declaration to the effect that your vessel is compliant with marine safety and is insured for third party damage.

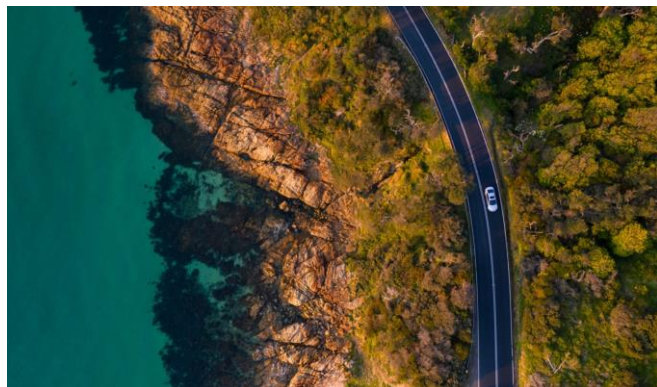


NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to new members Jan Kent and Dairne John who sail a brand new Cygnet 20 called Rust Never Sleeps. When not sailing they normally reside in Parkdale. We look forward to meeting them on the water.

It is also noted and a little sad that we acknowledge the resignation of long standing members Geoff and Joan Cox. As reported elsewhere in this newsletter they have sold their boat and will no longer be active in club activities.

CHANGES TO MARINE REGULATIONS



The Victorian Government has introduced the *Marine Safety Regulations 2023* to improve safety for the Victorian boating community. The new regulations apply from June of this year and replace the now expired Marine Safety Regulations 2012. BTYC is endeavouring to obtain copies of the new safety regulations handbook so that we can mail a copy to every member.

The new safety regulations are available on the Victorian Government website and can be accessed as pdf by searching [Marine Safety Regulations 2023](#). However the document is 140 pages long, and is not necessarily written in a format that is easy to read.

Some of the changes that directly affect our club are:

Lifejackets must be worn at all times by children less 12 years old. The previous regulations specified less than 10 years old.

The new regulations replace the references to *personal flotation devices* with the word *lifejackets* and from July 1, 2028 the Australian standards are to be the only recognized standard for lifejackets in Victoria.

Functional and correctly installed navigational lights are required on all vessels during daylight hours.

The new regulations introduce an option for vessels operating on enclosed waters to carry one of the following in place of pyrotechnic distress flares:

- A Global positioning System (GPS) enabled Emergency Position Radio Beacon (EPIRB), or
- Personal Locator Beacon (PLB), or
- A VHF marine radio with a minimum 25 watt output

These are some of the changes that have been identified and your committee will continue to review the new regulations to determine any other changes that impact on how we undertake our sailing activities. Any input from members is most welcome.



Notice of Cruise
Season Opening Sail
Saturday November 4th to Tuesday November 7th

Where: Gippsland Lakes, Paynesville. (Briefing Sat. 9:30 am, lawn area in front of Paynesville Pharmacy).

Cruise Coordinator: Geoffrey Peplar. Please **TEXT** your intention to participate to Geoffrey MBL:0436400657

Please note this event is being run in conjunction with the Port of Sale to Lakes Entrance Cruise (see separate notice). Vessels may wish to attend this event only or participate in both cruises or mix and match!

This will be a fun event and not to be missed, be there!

The formal sail past the club commodore will take place on Sunday November 5th. After the sail past there will be a BBQ in Dawsons Cove, Newlands Arm (BYO everything) .

Please Note: If you register for the cruise but are unable to attend, advise the cruise coordinator.
Make contact with the cruise coordinator at cruise start.
Carry adequate charts of the cruise waters.
Vessel to be compliant with Marine Safety Regulations.
Advise cruise coordinator when leaving the cruise, especially if leaving the cruise early.
It is the decision of each skipper whether to cruise or continue to cruise.
Instructions will be given at the Sunday briefing to ensure an **orderly** and **safe** sail past.
ALL Participants Vessels Shall Have Insurance Cover with Third Party Liability.

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