



## Bayside Trailable Yacht Club NEWSLETTER

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## COMMODORE'S CORNER



**From Edwin Flynn**

**Ahoy Baysiders,**

I am pleased to report that your club has achieved much during the last 12 months and we have established a good base for us to continue to provide the activities that you want and also to continue to grow our club.

We have enjoyed many on-water activities this year. We have sailed the Gippsland Lakes; some cruised the Murray River and some travelled interstate for fantastic cruises on the Myall Lakes. Everywhere we went we had a great time and looked after one another, so when help was needed, fellow Baysiders were there to ensure that at the end of the day we all berth safely together in the company of great friends. It has always been our club's strong point that we look after one another, in particular when new members join us for their first club adventure. However well prepared one is before setting off sometimes "Murphy" calls but thankfully in BTYC cruises, there always seems to be someone nearby to lend a hand.

Since our last AGM our club has grown. We have added 5 new boats to our members register. I am sure that when we meet on the water we will all make our new members very welcome.

The committee has decided to accept the invitation from the Warneet Motor Yacht Club (WMYC) to form a closer association between our two clubs. The BTYC will hold future meetings inside this Club facility. We will also have a home from which to plan club sailing activities at Westernport and may share cruise sailing activities with the WMYC. BTYC members will be welcomed to join with a WMYC cruise, and vice versa. More cruising opportunities will give everyone a greater opportunity to enjoy sailing. Rest assured that this is a friendly association. Both clubs

will retain their individual identity. The BTYC will pay a very small fee for the use of the WMYC facilities, we will have a meeting place, and the WMYC will gain the benefit of its facilities being used by more like-minded people.

Our club exists purely for the purpose of enabling BTYC members with family friendly cruise sailing activities. Planning a cruising calendar and other activities requires a little effort by the elected committee of the club. The club cannot exist unless it is able to plan and conduct activities that its members want. Likewise the club members will not be able to have club activities without a club committee to plan and conduct the activities. So you see we need a committee.

Your committee at present comprises of 5 volunteers whose various roles are listed on the cover page. All of the committee positions will be declared vacant at the AGM. The positions all need to be filled and we hope that this year we will not have joint positions again. Please think about your involvement in the club committee and what you can offer. It is very rewarding. Please be in touch with any of the outgoing committee members if you think you would like to contribute.

A club of course has its heroes and your committee has created two new club awards to recognize members who stand out in their club spirit and another for the club member who proves to be the most adventurous in their cruising activities. These new awards will only be given to non-committee members and will be awarded at the Annual General Meeting. It could be you, so this is yet another good reason to come to the AGM.

Finally, I would be remiss if I do not thank our terrific committee members for their work and untiring enthusiasm throughout the year. Under their stewardship the club has remained positive and has turned a corner and grown. Also a special thank you to all you Baysiders who acted as Cruise Coordinators during our cruising activities and also to all those who have supported our club and participated in our organised cruises. I look forward to seeing you all at the Annual General Meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup> October.

## Welcome to New Members

It is great to see that our membership list continues to expand. A warm welcome is extended to Paul and Debbie Howe and also to Gary Perkins. Paul and Debbie sail a Vander Stadt 7.1 called *Second Wind 2* and are domiciled at Wandong when not on the water. Gary sails a Cole 23 named *Yellow Boat* and is also from north of Melbourne up at Kyneton.

We hope to see both of these boats on the water soon.

## CALL FOR SUBSCRIPTIONS

**From Tony Pitt**

If you have a receipt enclosed with this newsletter, it is a sure sign that your treasurer is a happy soul. It means that your membership has been safely received and is in the BTYC account. Conversely, if there is no receipt, then your treasurer is expectantly waiting for your payment.

There is an exception. One payment for annual subscriptions has been credited to the BTYC account by electronic transfer but with no clear identifying details. So there is one membership that has been renewed for which no receipt has yet been prepared. So if you think you have paid your annual fees and don't have a receipt, please contact me on 0408 514581 and we will sort it out.

Annual subscriptions for 2016/17 are \$50. Payments can be made by posting a cheque to me (760 Nilma Shady Creek Road, Nilma North, Vic 3821) or by EFT to:

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## CRUISE REPORT

### LONG DISTANCE CRUISE

#### PORT STEPHENS & THE MYALL LAKES

## March 2016

**From Kenton Lillecraap**

Participating Vessels:

*Silk Department, Grasshopper, Crème Caramel*

It's 5.00pm and the sun is streaming down. There is a refreshing breeze as we sit in the shade on the pontoon in our private members area at the Soldiers Point Marina in Port Stephens sipping our complementary cocktails.

Three Noelex 25s, Silk Department, Grasshopper and Crème Caramel have arrived after a two day drive up from Melbourne. The drive up was not without its incidents, but all that is behind us as we enjoy the ambiance and hospitality of this small & fairly private marina.

The next morning, another surprise. Complementary newspapers and coffees delivered right to the boat. Who wants to leave a place like this? We spend the rest of the day shopping, buying fuel and generally readying our boats

for the cruise. Finally enjoying 5.00pm cocktails again as we study our charts and prepare for an early start.

Almost no wind, so we motor most of the way across to the entrance to the Myall River and then another two hours of motoring up river to the little town of Tea Gardens. The chart says that the clearance under the bridge at Tea Gardens is 10.5 metres and we know that the tide is at least half way up, but we all watch with trepidation as each mast appears to miss shaving the bottom of the bridge by a whisker. We tie up at the Tea Gardens pontoon in a tide running at 4.5 knots. It is only a two hour limit, but there is nowhere else and Martin assures us that NSW Maritime has no money so there is little chance of a visit by the scalloper wallopers.



Slack water is at 7.00am and we need to travel the three hours up river with the incoming tide. We leave Tea Gardens under motor at 8.30am in fine, slightly overcast weather with no wind. A fascinating journey through wooded rainforest, trees, jungle, sand bars and a very strong headwind for the second half of the trip. At last we enter the first lake, Bombah Broadwater, and turning to port we sail and then motor the 2 miles to Nerong Creek and our anchorage for the night. I am on a mooring (the only one) and Grasshopper and Crème Caramel both at anchor. We swim in the warm, clear water.

Our little sheltered bay in the Nerong Creek is shrouded in fog. This quickly clears to a fine sunny day with a gentle wind and a forecast of 29 degrees. We motor back up the creek and out into the bottom lake, raising sails with rising wind. I make a pot of plunger coffee which immediately ends up on the cockpit floor as the boat heels. The wind is



now strong north easterly blowing at 17.5 knots at one point. A great sail across this relatively large lake.



We arrive at Legges Camp, a small eco tourist resort, and stop for morning tea. The wind is now strong and gusty and I put a reef in the main for the sail up Two Mile Lake and around to Violet Hill. We arrive mid afternoon and Grasshopper and I pick up moorings while Crème Caramel swings on her anchor. We find that although we are in a very sheltered position, the very light breeze and a strange current continually use the hull shape to sail the boat into the big plastic mooring buoy. A disconcerting thump every few minutes. After a swim I lower my little outboard motor onto my inflatable dinghy and collect Martin and Denise for happy hour on board Crème Caramel.

It's a very calm sunny morning although I can see wind on the water out in the channel. I raise sails and quietly sail off the mooring. No motor. Destination Neranie Bay at the very top of the Myall Lakes. There is a good wind in Dollys Channel. More than good. I put a reef in the main. The wind is only 15 knots here but it is also very gusty. Also very shallow through here. Grasshopper has made an appointment with the Poo Barge and it turns up at 11.00 just off Long Point. It comes alongside Grasshopper in the windy chop and immediately holes Grasshopper just below the gunwale. They do get their toilet emptied and rubbish offloaded though!

We pass six Victorian Sonatas off Burrah Burrah Point sailing south. Noalex 25 "Tou Can Do" 999 is sailing with them. It is very shallow through here with the depth sounder showing 1 metre at times although it's quite weedy, so I probably have more than that! We all drop anchor at Neranie Head mid afternoon and go for a swim

while two high powered ski boats use us as a turning point on their run up and down the beach.

We drop moorings at 8.45am with fine weather, not much wind and a forecast of cloud and possible rain later in the day. Silk Department and Crème Caramel turn north to explore Neranie Bay while Grasshopper heads south. The plan is to sail south to Mayers Bay for lunch and then across to moorings inside Long Point for the night.

It's shallow and weedy in Mayers Bay so we sail directly for Long Point in a good wind and each pick up a mooring in a very pretty sheltered bay. I do some exploring along the shore in the dinghy while the others swim. One disappointing aspect of this trip has been that there are no beaches. Everywhere we go the water comes right up to the trees and reeds. Ian tells me that this has all changed since he was last here. By mid afternoon it is becoming increasingly overcast and humid with the temperature at 32 deg. A thunderstorm threatens, but it never develops.



Next morning is fine and sunny. This is a bonus as the forecast is for an overcast day with rain. A good sail down to Violet Hill where we pick up a mooring for morning tea. Silk Department rafts up on Crème Caramel. The sky looks very threatening so full wet weather gear goes on. Not a moment too soon as the sky opens. Very heavy rain as we motor up Boolambayte Lake.

Legges Camp pontoon at last. We tie up and make our way up to the café for lunch. Fish and Chips. Excellent!. I anchor and the others pick up a moorings. We all settle in and so does the rain. I motor over to Grasshopper in the rain for Denise's lemon pancakes. A little later I pick up the Clappertons in the dinghy and we all have dinner on board Grasshopper while the rain teams down outside.

Our final night destination in the Lakes system is the Myall River (Upper). The wind is very light and the weather fine. We motor all the way and enter a very sheltered, almost circular bay about 500 metres in from the entrance to the river. We drop anchor at 4.00pm for a very comfortable night, although interrupted by very heavy rain from about 2.30am.

Our final day on the cruise. Blue sky as we motor down the beautiful Myall River with the outgoing tide. This time in the lower reaches it is much shallower and we have to watch the sand banks very carefully. We pass under the Tea Gardens bridge with an extra metre to spare, but still it looks close. After five hours of motoring we exit the Myall River and in a gentle 8 knot easterly we sail up to Fame Cove just opposite Soldiers Point for our final night. We each pick up a mooring and I take Martin and Denise over to Crème Caramel in the dinghy for our final Happy Hour.

Mid morning sees us safely back at the Soldiers Point Marina, sorting things out and looking forward to the 5.00pm complementary cocktails again.

Charts used:

NSW Transport Maritime – Map 7A “Port Stephens” Map

NSW Transport Maritime – Map 7B “Myall River and Lakes including Seal Rocks”

## CRUISE TO REFUGE COVE Queens Birthday Weekend 2016

From Ian Clapperton



This was to be my third sail to Refuge Cove. My first was with my daughter, son and his girlfriend in 1997 in my

RL24 “Blue Wanderer”. This time, my crew was Geoff, a very experienced sailor from the Mordialloc Sailing Club who has a Farr 6000.

As with my second of these cruises, this one was also organised by the Port Albert YC. You can learn about these annual trips on Trailer Sailer Place.



On arrival at Port Welshpool, the weather was dreadful and the forecast even worst – strong wind and blinding rain. We were the first to turn up so we wondered if everyone else had decided not to go. But soon other boats arrived so we went to the nearby shop to pay the rather exorbitant parking fee. Just as well we did, too, as we found out that the local official was very conscientious and shows no mercy!

Dodging puddles in the now flooded carpark, we all made our way to the pub across the road for our evening meal. A large open fire warmed us and dried us out as plans were made for a tour of the district the next day instead of launching. That night there was more driving rain and gale force winds with the Prom living up to its reputation.

On the Saturday the weather was still bad. Sightseeing to waterfalls and a wind farm and then to lunch and a guided tour of the old courthouse, now used as an art gallery.

Sunday morning conditions were much better so we hurriedly finished rigging and launched at the excellent ramp with its long pontoons. We were given the coordinates of a turning point so we were able to sail confidently past the shallows and potential breakers. Once past that point it was a matter of hugging the coast, sailing between Rabbit Island and the coastline and eventually looking for the entrance to the cove. On Crème Caramel, navigation was never a problem as I was using the Navionics chart plotter on a tablet. The entrance is not all that obvious and I have heard of people missing it and

continuing on south! After the long sail (all on the one tack) we entered the cove and looked for a good spot anchor. I was surprised that it took two attempts to set the anchor securely.

We were ferried ashore on inflatables (I was being lazy and left mine in the bag) and enjoyed happy hour on the beach until the incoming tide won and we had to head back to the boats. At this stage I made the mistake of not setting a stern anchor as during the night swell rolled in from the entrance even though the wind was still a westerly. With the boat turning side on to the swell it was extremely uncomfortable when trying to sleep.

With no time to walk up to Kersops Peak due to the lost day, we got going early on the Monday morning. We had another fantastic sail all the way back to Port Welshpool, not having to tack once.

Boats on the cruise were: 2 Noelex 25, 2 Farr 7500, Hartley 21, Castle 650, RL28 and a Seaway 25. The crews were from various clubs.

## **AROUND THE BAY IN 8 DAYS**

### **Port Phillip Bay Cruise in January 2017**

Cruise Coordinator: Tony Pitt 0408 514581

Weather permitting, there should be lots of sailing on this cruise. The proposed Itinerary is below, but conditions can be tricky on Port Phillip Bay and there will always be the possibility of one or more lay days with no sailing.

#### **Day 1 (Monday 9 January)**

Martha Cove to Queenscliff (17 n.miles)

Overnight: Queenscliff Marina (fee applies)

Rig and depart Martha Cove by 12.00 midday

Tides: High 10.44 am (0.8m), midnight (0.85m)  
Low 5.51 pm (0.17m)

#### **Day 2 (Tuesday 10 January)**

Queenscliff to Geelong (32 n.miles)

Overnight: St Helens

Early start and a big sail. Sail with the incoming tide up the bay.

Tides: High midnight (0.85m), 12.19 pm (0.97m)  
Low 5.51 am (0.44m), 7.42 pm (0.19m)

#### **Day 3 (Wednesday 11 January)**

St Helens to Werribee River (19 n.miles)

Overnight: Werribee River

Leisurely sail up to Werribee. A quieter day.

Tides: High 2.19 am (0.92), 1.03 pm (0.87m)  
Low 7.35 am (0.55m), 8.27 pm (0.17m)

#### **Day 4 (Thursday 12 January)**

Werribee River to Melbourne (19 n.miles)

Overnight: Docklands (Fee applies)

Morning sail up to Williamstown and up the river. Afternoon at leisure.

Tides: High 3.27 am (0.85m), 2.07 pm (0.80m)  
Low 8.52 am (0.53m), 9.35 pm (0.16m)

#### **Day 5 (Friday 13 January)**

Docklands to Sandringham (11 n.miles)

Overnight: On Sandringham beach (sheltered anchorage)

Morning at leisure. Midday departure to arrive at Sandringham with the high tide.

Tides: High 4.30 am (0.88m), 3.15 pm (0.85 m)  
Low 10.24 am (0.50m), 10.40 pm (0.15 m)

#### **Day 6 (Saturday 14 January)**

Sandringham to Martha Cove (22 n.miles direct, 26 n.miles as an arc)

Overnight : Back home

Early start (see tides) with a sail down the east side of the bay. Arrive Martha Cove before 2.00pm

Tides: High 5.25 am (0.91 m), 6.16 pm (0.74m)  
Low 11.29 am (0.45m), 11.00 pm (0.12m)

Because we need to book marina berths for this cruise, it is important to give the cruise coordinator as much notice as possible of your intention to participate. And remember to keep 8 days available to allow for possible delays.

## **MARYBINONG CRUISE**

### **October 7<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

Cruise coordinator: David Morrissey

0457 734 969

Leave your mast at home as you will not need it. This will be a mast free event to the upper section of the river, only about 10 km from the Yarra junction. The river is navigable for about 12 km and Solomon's ford is another 3 k further on. There is little tidal influence, about 0.8 m, After recovery all boats will need the usual wash.

Launch from wherever suits you best. My preference is to launch from the Warmies at Newport (Melways reference Melway Ref: 56 C5. The St. Kilda marina is another option for those coming from the South East.

An initial rendezvous is planned for Friday night. There is a pontoon on the west bank about 1 km up from junction with the Yarra, and downstream from Dynan Road. Alternatively, there is also the Docklands marina (depends on what people want to do). On Saturday morning we will take a leisurely motor up the river. There are a lot of points of interest along the way. A stop off at the Anglers Pub is generally a must. The landing is suitable for our boats but we will need to raft up. We can have a BBQ lunch at the end of the journey.



On the return trip, maybe a stop at the Anglers Pub again, or at the Tea Rooms, which has good boat access. We will finish back at Waterfront City, Docklands for an overnight stay. The cost to stay overnight is \$50, which gives us access to the common room, showers (towels supplied) and toilet, kitchen and balcony BBQ. Tea, coffee and sugar as well as crockery and cutlery are also included. If we get 10 boats or more we get a second night free of charge.

## CRUISING and SOCIAL CALENDAR 2016/2017

<b><u>MONTH</u></b>	<b><u>DATE</u></b>	<b><u>EVENT</u></b>	<b><u>VENUE</u></b>	<b><u>COMMENTS</u></b>	<b><u>CRUISE/SOCIAL CO-ORDINATOR</u></b>
<b>OCT</b>	SAT 8 <sup>TH</sup> OCT TO SUN 9 <sup>TH</sup> OCT	MARIBYNONG RIVER CRUISE	MARIBYNONG RIVER, MELBOURNE	EXPLORE THE MARIBYNONG RIVER. OVERNIGHT VICTORIA HARBOUR.	DAVID MORRISSEY PH: 0457 734969
<b>OCT</b>	SAT 15 <sup>TH</sup>	PRE SEASON BBQ & AGM	WARNEET MOTOR YACHT CLUB, WARNEET	SEE MEETING NOTICE ENCLOSED WITH THIS NEWSLETTER	EDWIN FLYNN PH: 0413 454029
<b>OCT</b>	SAT 29 <sup>TH</sup> OCT TO TUES 1 <sup>ST</sup> NOV	OPENING WEEKEND & SAIL PAST	GIPPSLAND LAKES PAYNESVILLE	SAIL PAST WILL BE ON SUNDAY FOLLOWED BY SOCIAL AFTERNOON AT DUCK ARM	TONY PITT PH: 0408 514581
<b>NOV</b>	26 <sup>TH</sup> NOV	XMAS PARTY	STUDLEY PARK BOATHOUSE, THE BOLUEVARD, STUDLEY PARK		TO BE DETERMINED
<b>DEC</b>	MON 26 <sup>TH</sup> DEC TO SUN 1 <sup>ST</sup> JAN	XMAS CRUISE	GIPPSLAND LAKES PAYNESVILLE	BRIEFING AT PAYNESVILLE	TO BE DETERMINED
<b>JAN</b>	MON JAN 9 <sup>TH</sup> TO TUES JAN 17 <sup>TH</sup>	AROUND THE BAY IN 8 DAYS	PORT PHILLIP	LAUNCH/RETRIEVE AT MARTHA COVE. MORE INFORMATION THIS NEWSLETTER	TONY PITT PH: 0408 514581
<b>JAN</b>	THURS 26 <sup>TH</sup> JAN TO SUN 29 <sup>TH</sup> JAN	AUSTRALIA DAY CRUISE	GIPPSLAND LAKES PAYNESVILLE	BRIEFING AT PAYNESVILLE	EDWIN FLYNN PH: 0413 454029
<b>FEB</b>	DATES NOT FINALISED	WESTERNPORT BAY CRUISE	WESTERNPORT	BRIEFING AT HASTINGS	KENTON LILLECRAPP PH: 0418 422099

<b>MAR</b>	THUR 9 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH TO TUES 21 <sup>ST</sup> MAR	LONG DISTANCE CRUISE	MYALL LAKES, NSW	APPROXIMATELY 2 DAYS TRAVEL FROM MELBOURNE. MORE DETAIL THIS NEWSLETTER	KENTON LILLECRAPP PH: 0418 422099
<b>MAR</b>	SAT 11 <sup>TH</sup> MAR TO MON 13 <sup>TH</sup> MAR	LABOUR DAY CRUISE	GIPPSLAND LAKES PAYNESVILLE		TO BE DETERMINED
<b>APR</b>	FRI 14 <sup>TH</sup> APR TO TUES 25 <sup>TH</sup> APR	EASTER AND ANZAC DAY CRUISE	GIPPSLAND LAKES	DETAILS TBA (OPTION TO SPLIT FLEET DEPENDENT ON LENGTH OF STAY)	ANDREW AND KRIS JONES PH: 0413 551 892



**NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**Saturday October 15 2.30 pm**  
**Warneet Motor Yacht Club Rooms, Warneet**

Our traditional pre-season get together with a BBQ and lots of chit chat will be held at the Warneet Motor Yacht Club Rooms on **Saturday, October 15, 2016**. And we will put the chit chat on hold for a short while for the annual general meeting while we are all there.

Arrangements are:

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

For those not familiar with Warneet it is about 15 minutes south of Cranbourne and is accessed from the Baxter-Tooradin Road. If coming from the north, the easiest route is probably via the new Mornington Peninsula Freeway - take the Baxter exit and then the Baxter Tooradin Road back towards Tooradin.

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

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