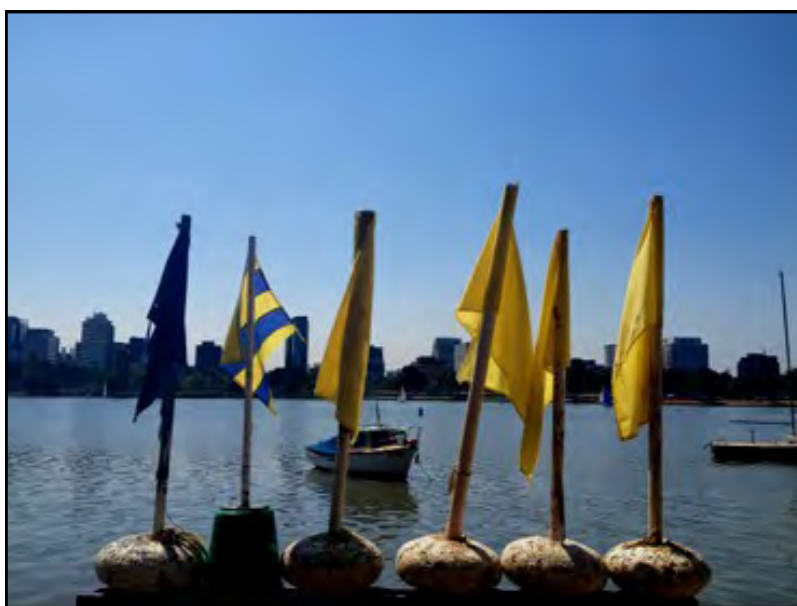


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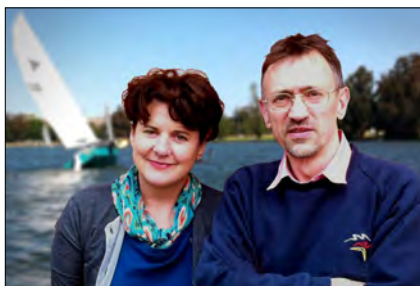


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From On The Lake Editors



Hi,
Many of you will be receiving OTL via email. We received your preferences from Rob Allen (Membership). We are also mailing to those who like to receive a hard copy in the post. Extra copies are printed and are available at the club to share with new members and friends. We hope you enjoy reading the reports of all the summer sailing events and we would like to thank Sue Curliss-Smith for her wonderful photography.
Enjoy the reading!

Chris Markiewicz and Liza Taylor

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Commodore's Comment by Peter Whitaker

I am delighted to welcome our new members and the 8 learn-to-sail participants to the club this year. The year is well under way and APYC has got off to a good start. We almost have a full quarterdeck of office-bearers, and we are hoping to appoint someone soon to manage the property bookings. I feel we are well under way except for the water level and I will say a little more about that below.

At this time of the year we have lots of sailing and we wish all those participating in class championships successful and fun-filled sailing. Our March club sailing will be disrupted by Labour Day weekend and Victorian championship regattas, Formula 1 Grand Prix the following weekend, and on the final weekend Easter affectively taking out three Saturdays of club sailing. We will return to sailing early in April.

The water level and weed management of the lake have occupied my mind lately, especially the former. I wish I didn't have to say it but there appear to be many unhelpful generalised statements about the cause of the loss of water. I am investigating the different issues and will be seeking independent views on the cause and management of the lake's water level where possible. I believe when we get to the facts, we may best be able to have a worthwhile conversation with the respective authorities. I embarked on a little exercise to evaluate the loss of water. Parks Victoria, who manages the lake, transports water from the lake to water the Albert Park precinct and other gardens in Port Philip Council. With some help from a mathematician friend I have worked out that 50 trucks with a 10 cubic metre or 10,000litre capacity reduce the level of the lake ... wait for it ... by 1 millimetre. 500 trucks with the same capacity of 10,000 litres would reduce the level by 10-12 millimetres! Tomorrow the Albert Parks Victoria chief water manager will give me a full tour of the water management of Albert Park Lake. An initial conversation with Parks Victoria personnel indicates my calculations regarding the removal of water from the lake to water the playing fields, gardens etc. makes little difference to the lake. If you are interested in working it out, the lake surface covers 0.49 square kilometres. I have recently seen Cowderoy Pump working and have pictures to that affect. I still need to understand the management processes and the worst enemy, I strongly suspect, is likely to be the evaporation rate coupled with a summer drought. I will keep the Club informed of my discoveries.

Enjoy your sailing and take care

Peter Whitaker
(occasionally
impulsive)



Club Job Board: All members are welcome to add to this board any maintenance issues or suggestions to do with the club. The board is in the downstairs office to the left of the entry.



Top of the Bay Regatta Altona Yacht Club Saturday 2 February 2013
Photography by Sue Curliss-Smith



David Emery prepares for his first sail on the bay..

Pacer Report by Andrew Pickard

It's been great to see a few more Pacers out on the lake over the last 6 months. Welcome to Glen and to Riv, the international sailor - keep up the good work. Kate and her daughter have shown us all how a Pacer should be sailed when they have been out. Graham and Harry were once hard-core Pacer sailors, but fell in love with the Pursuit during a wild ride on Lake Wendouree, so they converted to the Pursuit and have been fanatics ever since.

The Pacer sailors from APYC who sailed the Top of the Bay regatta at Altona several weeks ago enjoyed dream conditions with an 18 knot southerly, solid waves and two screaming reaches. In the Pursuit, Jonathan and Robert onboard 'Spray' took off like a rocket after the start and were not seen again until the end of the race. Graham and Harry had a spectacular ride onboard their hot new boat 'Contageous' and will be the ones to watch. 'Vivacious' finished 48th overall but this is not as bad as it sounds, as she narrowly beat the other Pacers from Williamstown and Altona home across the finish line.

Keep in mind the Pacer State Championships to be raced at Parkdale on the 9th to the 11th of March. Sailing the State Championships is a great way to improve your skills, meet other sailors and learn a few tricks from the experts. There are some excellent sailors amongst the Pacer fleet, including former national champions in other classes who now sail Pacers with their kids.



William Cook, Andrew & James Pickard
Prepare for Top of the Bay Regatta

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APYC Pursuits Do It Again At Pacer Nationals By Harry Cox

The prospect of entering the Pacer Nationals after only a few months of sailing in a Pacer was to say the least; optimistic. But after the exciting purchase of our new Pacer Pursuit, we had to go to the nationals to support the class and test out the Pursuit in some serious wind. Altogether, 30+ Pacers entered and five Pursuits; three from Albert Park and two others from Flinders. The members from Albert Park Yacht Club were: David and Jim French, Chris and Jonathon Pulham, Harry and Graeme Cox.



McCrae Yacht Club left us feeling impressed. Holding three nationals at the same time; 49ers, 29ers and the Pacers, was a mean feat, but they handled it with ease. The preparation was great and the races were well timed to fit in with each other, so there were minimal traffic jams on the beach. Competing in the 49ers were three Olympians; Nathan Outteridge, Iain Jensen and Olivia Price. They had all been at the London Olympics and had won multiple medals including two gold medals and one Silver. The club organized a Q & A session with the Olympians for the kids, to give us a chance to learn a bit about Olympic sailing and what it takes to get to that level.

The first two days were extremely windy reaching staggering speeds of up to 40kmh and higher. But as the event went on the wind went from extreme down to perfect at 15-20 kmh with lulls after some of the races. Overall we were extremely impressed with how well the pursuits handled in the strong wind (although we still found ourselves swimming on most days) and were amazed at the speeds we reached with them. Predictably, Jim won out of all the 5 Pursuits. Chris came second; with a few days of Jonathon skippering, Rick from Flinders came third, Graeme and Harry came Fourth and some new sailors, also from Flinders came Fifth.

At the presentation Jim was presented with life membership to the Pacer Association and was given a framed collage. After competing in the Nationals I am now looking forward to entering the Vic state titles at Parkdale YC on Labour Day weekend.

Sabre Report by Paul Ward

Nice day out on the lake, Saturday 9th February. The Sabre class were all out in force where the conditions were quite light with the occasional knock, and also involved the odd scallop trawling in the shallow water. " Go Sailing "

Some key Sabre Sailing Dates: For more information on both these events go to <http://www.sabre.org.au>

- 2013 Sabre State Titles will be held at [Black Rock Yacht Club](#) from the 9th to 11th of March
- 2013.Chelsea Yacht Club is holding a training session for female sabre sailors on Saturday 6 April from 9am. Participants are invited to join the club racing at 2pm after training.

Sabre Captain Paul Ward helping new member Caroline May prepare for her first APYC race Sat 23 Feb.



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Laser Report by Jonathan Pulham

As many of you know, I made a commitment this year to sail my Laser on the Bay, using the smaller Radial sail rather than the standard rig I sail here on the lake.

The club I am sailing my Laser with is Beaumaris, a small club much like ours in its friendly atmosphere and good food, but which sails on Sundays and which is only a short bicycle ride from home. The fleet is composed mainly of Pacers and Javelins. It is not known for its Laser fleet, though I haven't minded that because it means I can practice without too much embarrassment!

The first week I sailed the boat at Beaumaris there was a light breeze blowing, the sun was shining and the sea was crystal clear. The boat was gliding through the water, rising and falling slightly on the gentle waves, and I remember thinking – Why haven't I taken the Laser to the Bay before? This is so much better than the lake!

The second week was a little different. The day was overcast, the wind was pushing 20 knots before the start and the sea was dark and cold. After leaving the beach I nearly tipped the boat over several times whilst trying to lock the rudder in position. By the time I finally had it locked I had drifted halfway to Black Rock and was soaking wet from waves slamming over the top of me. I had a little time before the start of the race, so I spent the time reaching back and forth across the wind, getting the feel of how the Laser handled the waves. I had great fun barrelling across the waves and as long as I kept the boom from hitting the water, the length and buoyancy of the hull made for an easy ride. What happens if you let the boom hit the water you may ask? You go for a swim, as I quickly discovered.

After the one capsize before the start I managed to keep the boat upright for the remainder of the day, and was pleased to discover the wind had been in the mid 20 knot range for most of the time. I had faced the strongest winds one could reasonably expect to be racing in, and had been able to control the boat. Physically though, I felt as though I'd been run over by a truck, and I knew that I'd either have to get a lot fitter or put on more weight to be competitive in the Radial. I decided to try the first option.

Every week after those two extremes the wind has been blowing a fresh 16 – 18 knots. These conditions have at times been exhausting, and there have been days particularly in the first couple of months when the sailing has felt like a bit of a slog and has not been very enjoyable. Those days are becoming less common though, and I feel I am getting fitter in the boat. Both the weekly sailing and riding an hour each day to and from work has helped with this.

Whether I can hold my own against experienced bay sailors remains to be seen. The first real gauge will be at the State titles in Sorrento coming up this March, two weekends after Labour Day. I'd love to see some of our APYC Laser fleet join me – I know some of you have previous salt water experience! I will let you know how the States go – and I will have the Laser back on the lake for the Winter. That's all for now,

Jonathan



Optimist Australian National Championships

Sandy Bay, Hobart, Tasmania By Mark Ashkanasy

The January Australian Optimist National Titles were held on the Derwent River from January 6—13. APYC sailors, Ben Ashkanasy, Charlotte Bond and Millie Perkins competed in the Green Fleet division.

In blustery conditions the Open Fleet sailors had to contend with variable winds from 5 ,to 35 knots with wind shifts of more than 90 degrees through-out the five days of sailing. This made the race officers job tricky and kept the open fleet on the water for long days due to delayed starts. With 190 entrants across the Open and Green fleets the kids all enjoyed themselves. The Green Fleet sailors had to contend with long days on the beach and at the Sandy Bay Yacht Club waiting for suitable conditions. In the end they completed ten races and all learnt a lot from the experience, with mid fleet results.

The APYC sailors handled the conditions well and look forward to the upcoming championship regattas back in Victoria at Davies Bay YC, Mornington YC, with the next major event the Optimist Victorian State Championships, this year being held in Modialloc YC over the March Labour Day long-weekend it is expected that Ben, Charlotte, Millie and Joseph Corser will compete in the Intermediate Division. We are all looking forward to favorable conditions to bring out the best in them all.



Left Millie Perkins



Green Fleet Racing Sandy Bay Hobart

Below Charlotte Bond



Above Ben Ashkanasy

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APYC Welcomes the following New Members

We welcome the following new members who have joined over the last 9 months. (Sorry, I missed the deadline for last OTL, so for some this is a very late welcome.)

James Wong -- Senior, has Laser 4.7

John Dixon -- Senior, returning to the fold; Impulse "Iecon".

Kuan Family: Chuen Kuan, Jana Kalebic, children Meilin (12), Julian (9) -- upgrade from winter

Stranks Family: Michael Stranks, Rochelle Ruddock, children Aimee (9), Charlie (7) -- have bought a Sparrow

Stephens Family: Michael & Sally Stephens, young children Jayne, Jordy -- (Michael Stephens sails an Impulse)

Henley-Pinho Family: Katya Henley, Paulo Pinho

Siotame Paletu'a -- Honorary. Siotame is a rescue boat volunteer.

Caroline May -- Senior (Caroline has a Sabre "Making Waves")

Brooks Ballard -- Junior (Brooks has an Opti)

Daniel Chubb -- Senior (Daniel has a Moth "Bulletproof")

Hansen Family -- Dean, Yvonne, Jada (12) and Jasmine (7)

Henry Dudesin -- Junior (Minnow "Keith")

Simon Shaw -- Senior (Sabre "Orange Peel")

Ian Kirkham -- Senior (Solo "Innaminka", Geoff's son returned)

David Whitt & Michelle Ayling -- Family (looking for a Pacer)

Rossi Family: Pierre, Candide, Mateo (8), Tadeo (5)

Peter Davies -- Senior

Toby Earle -- Senior

Sad to say four families and two individuals have resigned and four families and eight individuals did not renew (see the noticeboard in the club foyer for a list).

Rob Allen (Membership Secretary)

APYC "Learn to Sail" Training Schedule 2013 *Sailing is fun and learning to sail is fun too.*

There will be four "Learn to Sail"(LTS) 1 and 2 programmes in 2013.

LTS 1 and 2 will each comprise of 10 hours of theory and practice over four Saturday mornings of 2.5 hours. The sessions will begin at 9.30 a.m. and conclude at 12 noon. These session will be conducted over the following four periods in the year.

LTS 1 started on Saturday **9th February** and will run through to the **2nd March 2013**

[Note the month of March includes Impulse Vic Champs, F1 and Schools Team & Easter]

LTS 1 & 2 Saturdays **20th April** through to and including **1st June**

Winter Sail Regatta 12 – 14 July 2013

LTS 1 & 2 Saturdays **20th July** through to and including **7th September**

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Social Secretary's Report by Anne Wells

Hi Everyone,
I'm glad so many of you were able to participate in congratulating our Winter season winners, and joining in the Christmas celebrations. Thank you to the people that helped make it all happen, and to all who donated to the Christmas Hampers, great team work. Santa was a big hit with the kids, and, the kid in all of us. All the kids were delighted with their presents. The children were relieved that Santa got away from the Pirates to come and see them. It was a nice way to end the year, great food and great company. See a video of the APYC Christmas party on the club website go to <http://www.apyc.org.au/christmas-video-2012.html>

Cheers
Anne Wells

Women and Girls in Sailing—New Network

Women and Girls in Sailing
There is a new network for women and girls in sailing that was initiated by the Yachting Victoria Women and Girls in Sailing Committee in 2012. With support from VicHealth, this group is working to increase female membership of, and participation in, clubs – from sailing to race management to club leadership and management.

Subscribe to the Women and Girls in Sailing network to receive regular updates by email <http://womenandgirlsinsailing.com>



Photograph Sue Curlis-Smith

Social Sailing

APYC is keen to establish social sailing days on the 4th Sunday of the month from 11am – 3pm. This day will coincide with the Wooden Boat Association Sailing Days. A rescue boat roster will be prepared so come and enjoy an additional opportunity to sail with family and friends on the lake.

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DIY Boat Repair Disaster by Andrew Pickard

Have you ever had a DIY boat repair job that went horribly wrong or became an expensive embarrassment? I've been involved in a few repair fiasco's myself, but one of my favourite DIY boat repair disaster stories comes from the crew of a Dutch ship called the 'Hoorn' that was sailing along the far south coast of South America back in 1616.

The skipper of the 'Hoorn' decided to come ashore in a bay to carry out repairs and careen the ship - that is, clean marine growth from the bottom of the hull. The crew pulled the ship close to the beach, rolled the vessel onto its side and began to clean the hull while the skipper went off to have a look around the countryside.

In those days before antifouling paint, high pressure cleaners and electric sanders, fire was often used to burn barnacles, weed and algae from underneath ship's hulls. All was progressing well with this method until the fire caught hold of the timber hull and the ship was completely destroyed despite desperate attempts to extinguish the fire.

Now I can't speak Dutch, but I can imagine the skipper's reaction when he returned to find the smouldering wreck of his ship on the beach. These guys were in serious trouble. As well as having set fire to their boat and burned their gear, the crew had achieved this in one of the more desolate and unexplored parts of the world at the time.

Fortunately the crew had an escape plan and were picked up by another ship they had been sailing with called the 'Eenderacht'. The story does have a happy ending of sorts, as the surviving 'Eenderacht' continued sailing further south and the hapless crew are now recorded as being the first sailors to round and name Cape Horn. Most of the crew eventually managed to return to Holland to share a hard-won lesson with us about burning marine growth off wooden hulls - but not before the skipper was arrested and jailed in Java and the 'Eenderacht' was confiscated there by the authorities.

Andrew Pickard Pacer 2959



What: An old regatta spot that no longer has regattas, but we still take a few boats, races are on request



Where: Waranga Boat Club,
Rushworth Tatura Road

Members from A.P.Y.C have been making this annual trip for over 35 years, you need to bring a tent, small caravan, power very limited, or swag..Come for Easter or visit for a day, approx 2.5 hours from Melbourne.

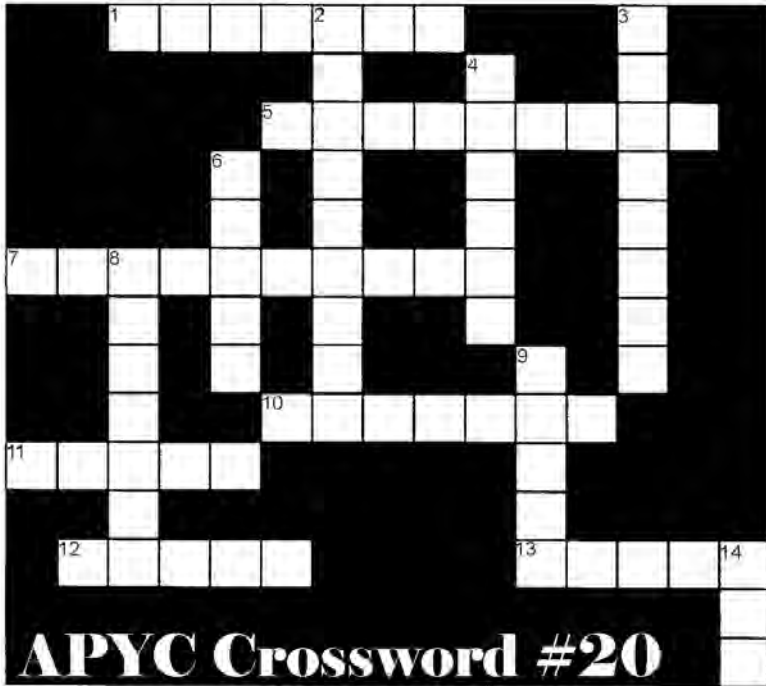
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Why: A lovely relaxing way to spend Easter, plenty to do, Golf Sail, Canoe, Yarn round camp fire, visit historic gold townships, Sample wine from historic vineyards.



If you are a licensed powerboat driver and you are rostered for rescue boat duty and you need to make a swap, please make sure you swap with another licensed powerboat driver.



Across

- 1. An artist or short rope
- 5. A planned movement
- 7. Visual range
- 10. On sail or face
- 11. No longer seaworthy
- 12. A weather condition
- 13. Go with the flow

Down

- 2. Part of rigging
- 3. Kind of broad boat
- 4. Air in motion
- 6. Boat class
- 8. Astronomic instrument
- 9. Overflow
- 14. Pull or tow

APYC Word Search #5 Solutions:

OLYMPICS TRAVELLER CLEATS COAST HORIZON LIGHTHOUSE VESSEL HAZE SAIL FLARE TIDE
SPEED CHAMPIONSHIP POWER BLADE LAKE OCEAN CREEK RIVER BAY

Galley Roster by Pam Pulham

Pam will be away from 7th May-7th August so, please volunteer to assist in the Galley. To volunteer ring Pam on 9598 0820.



Pam Pulham and Jackie White serving up beautiful tasty lunches in the Galley

2nd March	Race Day	Pam Pulham	Caroline May
9th March	Labour Day Week		
16th March	Grand Prix		
23rd March	Race Day	Pam Pulham	Jenny Jaeger
30th March	Easter		
6th April	Race Day	Jackie White	Carol Wines
13th April	Race Day	Lyn Hilton	Annette Marrinon
20th April	Race Day	Pam Pulham	Terri Richards
27th April	Race Day	Pam Pulham	Caroline May
4th May	Race Day	Pam Pulham	Jenny Jaeger

Check out our calendar online for the latest: <http://www.apyc.org.au/>

APYC Duty Roster and Calendar 2012



- Indicates APYC Start Boat

RACE START TIME: 14:30 Daylight Savings
19:00 Twilight Series

Date	Event	Start	Race Off.	Duty Off.	Resc. 1	Crew	Resc. 2	Crew
Sat 2 Mar	Summer Handicap Heat 8 14:30		Brian Jones	David Hunt & Grant Haggett	Graeme Silver	Chris Markiewicz	Alyssa Marrinon	Liza Taylor
Wed 6 Mar	New Year Twilight Series Race 7- 19:00							
Sat 9 Mar	Labour Day Weekend Social Sailing							
Wed 13Mar	Grand Prix No Sailing at Albert Park							
Sat 16Mar	Grand Prix No Sailing at Albert Park							
Sat 23Mar	Summer Championship Heat 9 - 14:30		Jon Pulham	Keith Ives & David Hunt	Graeme Silver	Phillip Cook	Michael Cook	Anne Wells
Sat 30Mar	Easter							
Sat 6 Apr	Summer Handicap Heat 9 14:30		Ron Parker	Joan & Roy Williams	Ross Mulcahy	William Cook	Mark Ashkanasy	Zoe Baranowski
Sat 13 Apr	Re-sail Championship Heat 3 - 14:00		Chris Davey	David Hunt & David McMillan	Graeme Silver	Rob Allen	Robert Pulham	Brian Taylor
Wed 20 Apr	Sternchaser 14:00		Brian Jones	Les Wood & Keith Ives	Graeme Cox	Ray Richards	Stephen Hughes	Chris Markiewicz
Sat 27 Apr	WORKING BEE							

Please contact Brian Jones if this roster clashes with prior commitments. After that if you are able please swap with someone on another date. If you are not on the list and would like to help on Rescue or in the Tower also contact Brian: mobile 0404 064 220

**NB. This program is to be used as a guide only.
The official notice of race is on the race noticeboard.**