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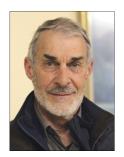
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From On The Lake Editors



We hope you enjoy this March 2014 edition of On The Lake and feel inspired by the articles and photographs. We congratulate David Hunt on the publication of his book *Worldly* and look forward to him bringing some copies into the club. Chris and I will need to hand over the editorship of On The Lake this year as we both have increasing family and work commitments. If you would like to take on this creative and rewarding challenge please let us know. Meanwhile send us your ideas, articles and pics for the next edition due out late May:

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See you on the water,

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Commodore's Comment by Peter Whitaker

Things are happening at the club with increased numbers on the water and building works on shore.

The second half of our summer season has started well as has our training programme. Welcome to all our new members. It is good to see the busy-ness around the club on a Saturday.

However there is a whole lot more going on concerning regattas and upgrading of the building. One of the biggest challenges is that, having won a major grant to install the lift, we now have to prepare the lift shaft for the new lift. That was not fully foreseen and the club's Committee and others have been assessing carefully the financial costs for this so that it may take place in a way that the club's tradition and emphasis can be maintained without puttinga financial strain on our resources. As a club we are committed to making APYC a *sailability* friendly club, as we are to equity for all our members. High on our list of priorities is the enlargement and renovation of the Female Change Room. So we will see some building works undertaken during this year.

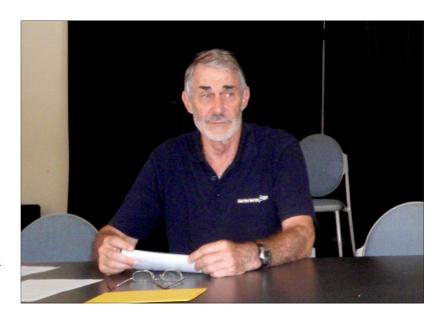
The lake is an ideal place for school, youth and sailability regattas. This year we have a full share. First up we host the Grand Prix regatta with the sailing club's support. Simultaneously we start planning for our big regatta of the year, *WinterSail*, that takes place on July 11-13th, followed by teams racing, a small regatta that looks like a lot of fun. I hope the club will have a few more teams enter this year in this fun filled sailing experience. But the big regatta and privilege for the club is hosting the regatta to choose the National Special Olympics sailing team in October 20-25th. My fellow sailors and members the club, please consider volunteering for some of these events. We have a reputation to uphold and a valuable service to provide to the wider community.

At a recent Special General Meeting our club 'Rules' were amended to include the latest rules set by the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012, and we decided to change our quorum to being 10% of the club membership. The Reform Act 2012 advised the latter.

I see a busy year for our General Committee that looks after the week to week running of the club. I ask you to consider doing your bit too as it will certainly help.

Peter Whitaker

Ross Mulcahy has for personal reasons resigned as Club Captain after five years of serving this club admirably. Organising working bees, seeing the sheds are organised and clean, keeping our fuel supplies up, and quietly painting areas of the club have been the things he has done. Things that we, certainly I have, taken for granted. There's the club. It's running well. Sheds clean etc. Thank you for looking after us and doing it unobtrusively and humbly. Thank you from us all.



Peter Whitaker, Cdr

Impulse Report by Danny Marrinon

The 30th Impulse National championship was held over the Christmas New Year break with a total of 43 boats descending on Largs Bay in South Australia. Seven skippers from APYC made the trip over with Dougal Watt being the best place APYC sailor in seventh place, sailing our race secretary's boat Slams. Phil Cook took out first junior in Bite Me and Alyssa Marrinon defended her title as the national champion in the 6.6 sail division. The rest of the APYC sailors where spread through out the fleet. The series was sailed in nice 15 to 20 knot breezes for most of the time with a few delays due to heavy weather. In the end the over all winner and National Champion was Paul Farrell from the sailing club. Largs Bay Sailing Club put one of the best run series I have had the pleasure of attending. Our commodore was very impressed with the uniform that his counter part from Largs wore at the presentation so we may see a return to "resplendent polished pips on our flag offices blazers when they next wear them.

The 31st nationals are to be held in Yeppon around the same time next year so it looks like Alyssa and Phillip will need to work out how to get their boats there to defend their titles. The Impulse state titles are coming around very quick and will be held at Chelsea over the Labour Day weekend. As there will be no formal sailing at the lake our non bay sailing members may like to come down to show support to the APYC competitors. Chelsea can at times whip up a nice shore break to test us lake sailors who are used to a more civilized launch and recovery procedure. If this happens there will no doubt be some close to shore action to be seen. Even if this does not happen they do have easy parking and I am sure you will see a familiar face or two.

Straight after the state titles APYC has the Grand Prix regatta and I sure that the Impulse class will be the largest fleet on the lake although you never know with our Sabre fleet growing. For those who would like to travel a bit further than Waranga over Easter there is Lake Boga's Easter Regatta that attracts a good number of Impulses's again with no formal sailing on our lake over Easter these two lakes offer an alterative. With all this and normal club racing there is no reason to miss a Saturday sailing.

See You In the Lake

Danny Marrinon Whykickamowcow 626.



Danny Marrion took these pics while on rescue boat during a Learn to Sail Course on Saturday 22 Feb 2014.

Annual pilgrimage to Ballaarat Saturday 7th December, 6:30



Chris and Jon donning matching racing attire



Sail Past Opening Day

The APYC crew at Ballaarat YC



In November a group of APYC members made their annual trip to Ballaarat YC to celebrate their opening day,this included: Chris, Pam, Jon, Jim, Leanne, Grant,Graeme, Harry, Sue and Robin. After speeches and the firing of the cannon, Chris, Jon, Graeme and Harry took part in the sail past in the Pursuits followed by a race in the afternoon. That evening the club put on a big spread for all and we feasted like Commodores. We've also been told that Valdera (their historic boat) is to be restored and they are keen for us to return next with Acrospire.

Social Secretary's Report by Anne Wells

Welcome everyone to another wonderful year by the lake. The Club was represented at the Top of the Bay Regatta sailed at Elwood in early February. We have had special general meeting which was a great opportunity to catch up with members and to meet our current group of trainees.

Let me know if you would like to club to organise some social events this year.

See you by the lake, Anne



Pacer & Pacer Pursuit Nationals 2013-14

Christies Beach SA by Harry Cox

It has to be said; that when driving for seven - eight hours to reach a yacht club, there is some expectation as to how convenient and practical the club is and whether it's worth the drive. There is also an element of excitement as you wonder what the scenery and beach will be like; we were not disappointed. Christies Sailing Club was a sight to behold perched near the edge of a low cliff with a commanding view of Vincent's Gulf. As we had booked almost a year before, we were able to reserve cabins at the

caravan park conveniently placed directly behind the Yacht Club. This meant we had easy access to the boat and club at all times leading to a fun and stress free week.

APYC was represented by Graeme & Harry Cox, Jim & David French, Chris Pulham kindly lent his boat to Ian McHugh from Beaumaris YC for the event (thanks Chris). Compared to McCrae the year before, there were hardly any boats, mostly all South Australian, 2 from the ACT and some competitive boats from Victoria. Our first day was too windy to race and so the invitation race was



cancelled. From there, the week progressed well with two lay-days for Monday (for the winery tour) and New Year's Day.



We were going well until Chris' boat got torn apart by an angry Hammerhead, ripping Ian in two and leaving the shark skewered on the bowsprit. Just joking, but I did think I saw a shark swimming beside the boat as I was out on trapeze, giving me a shock.

As only three Pursuits attended the event, Jim had an idea to swap crews around each day for experience and just to keep it interesting giving me the opportunity to sail with fantastic sailors like Jim and Jan.

Jim came First in the event, we came Second and Ian

Third. The Pacer class was won by Peter Kemp from Beaumaris YC with Murray O'Brien taking a close second. Now I'm fully focused on getting to the Pacer States being held at Beaumaris in March.

APYC Committee Report

At the February APYC committee meeting it was agreed that the storage of boats while being worked on in the maintenance area of the dinghy shed would attract a fee of \$10 per week for a maximum of 4 weeks. The conditions attached to this would be that any emergency maintenance to club boats or other member's boats would take precedence also that any rubbish as result of the maintenance is removed at member's expense as soon as job is completed.

At the same meeting it was agreed that a casual storage fee of \$10 per week for members will be instituted. The conditions of this storage will be that there will be a pre agreed period at the start and the fee is paid at this time also the storage location is wholly determined by the Club Captain and subject to change as situation requires.

These changes will be effective from 1 April 2014.

Women and Girls in Sailing by Zoe Baranowski

The Women and Girls in Sailing website is dedicated tofemale sailors and potential female sailors in Victoria, whether it be in keelboats or dinghies. Its purpose is to help you get sailing, enjoy sailing and keep sailing! The Women and Girls in Sailing program was initiated by the Yachting Victoria Women and Girls In Sailing Committee (WGISC) in 2012. The group are working to:

- Increase female membership of, and participation in, clubs from sailing to race management to club leadership and management
- Encourage girls to take up and continue in the sport through support of GreenFleet, training camps, girl school sailing and regattas
- Promote female keelboat and off the beach sailing with new initiatives for Learn to Sail courses targeted at females
- Set up a network of WGIS club representatives

The program aligns with Yachting Victoria's mission "to have more people participating more successfully, and enjoying boating and sailing at our member organizations' through:

- Providing input and assistance with the Vic Health Women and Girls in Sailing program
- Assisting with educating the sailing community in regards to awareness for sexual harassment, antidiscrimination, violence against women awareness
- Sourcing funding opportunities
- Eliminating barriers to entry to the sport
- Supporting Pilot projects such as Green Fleet sailing and Introduction to Keelboat courses
- Implementing the Women's Participation Plan in the YV Strategic Plan
- Participation programs and initiatives
- Identifying 'Female Club Contacts' as a contact for women new to the sport and women currently in the sport
- The promotion of events; both social and racing
- YV to develop a sense of shared objectives across the clubs and other stakeholders for the best interests of the sport
- Sharing 'best practice' across clubs, classes and those that deliver the sport.

A one day Leadership Development training programme for women and girls who wish to take an active role in the running and management of sailing clubs will be run on Sunday 6th April or Saturday 31 May at The Boat Shed, Albert Park. Contact Zoe Barinowski to express interest in booking a space.



APYC members Zoe Baranowski and Liza Taylor occasionally crew on Jem seen here sailing in the Boxing Day Dash from Dockland to Blairgowrie



Some notes on rescue by Jennifer Jacger

Short Course Series Races 4,5,6 were held on January 18th. Chris Pulham and I along with Ray Wines and David Emery were on rescue duty along with the two boats from Albert Sailing Club. It was a windy day with quite strong steady blow of approx 25 knots all afternoon. (by the end of the day it was probably around 40 knots) Of course all the racers loved that and we had a good group from both clubs starting at the beginning of the afternoon.

Chris and I hadn't even gotten into the rescue boat when we were called to our first rescue on the Start Boat. Unfortunately Chris Davey had gone in off the front of Pilot, easy to do as no hand holds and the boat was bucking about some. We pulled him out and much teasing ensued; but Chris took it very well and just smiled.

By the time we had finished there we had around six knock-downs over the next twenty minute as people went over; but fortunately everyone was alright. This continued off and on most of the afternoon.

It really was exciting to see the racing up close on the lake and some of the tight finishes and tacking between the boats was just beautiful to watch and explains in some way that sailing is not only pitting oneself against the elements but also those brief glimpses of beauty we see while out on the Lake. One example, slowly on the bottom marker five dinghies all turn around the mark, in unison one after the other like ballet dancers turning together, hardly any distance between each.

If you haven't done any rescue yet its great fun and knowing that you are there for the sailors to help keep them safe is a great feeling, why don't you have a go.

Worldly APYC Member David Hunt's autobiography

Almost 100 people packed The Avenue Bookstore last month for the launch of David Hunt's autobiography *Worldly*. The book traces his life from the pre-war years to the present day telling the story of growing up in Australia, and particularly Melbourne. Radio, television and theatre have always been important throughout David's life and he tells some interesting tales about entertainment in the years before TV came to Melbourne in 1956. David says "It was a very different Australia in the forties and fifties."

The book tells of his life in the Malaya of the 60s teaching at the RAAF School in Penang, of his passion for Italy and Italian, of being a Headmaster, a Local Councillor, and a Fundraising Consultant and his disappointment that he did not discover sailing and APYC until his retirement.

The first printing has almost sold out. David hopes to hold book signing at APYC sometime soon before sailing.

You can order copies of David's memoir online at http://www.avenuebookstore.com.au/



The Hon Greg Hunt Launching David's book



Cathy Drummond with her copy of *Worldy*

A Windy Day on the lake Australia Day 2014 by Jennifer Jaeger

There were not many people at the club as it was Australia Day. We had had a very hot week and a cool change had come in on the Friday so by Saturday it was very pleasant temperature wise. However it was very windy, not only windy but it was gusty and blustery. It came down between the island and the Point restaurant in waves, probably around 40 knots.

I came down just to see what was happening and mucked around chatting about boats, looking at the waves and declaring, "no, too windy for me". Chris Pulham was there rigging up his racing Puffin Pursuit. I gave him a hand, (which is to say I held a rope and learnt how the spinnaker is deployed). When he said "well that's it Jen your coming out". So off I went and got my life-jacket and with must trepidation sat up front to man the jib.

Off we went like lightning and it felt like only a minute or two when we were across the other side from the club and turning back. We hopped up on the side to balance the boat and that

dammed wind would vanish and give me a fright. After about five or six crossings, Chris asked me how I was going. I said not too bad (sort of like controlled terror really!) I'm not used to going that fast I'm only a Sabre sailor. He said "Oh this isn't fast", with that ironic laugh of his!

On the seventh return, Chris pulled in as he was not happy with the gusting wind. Johnno hopped in and manned the tiller and Father and Son were off, next thing I knew the spinnaker was up and I was able to admire the lines of the boat and skill of the crew. It was a pleasure to watch and made me hope that I could ever be that good. It really is a racing rocket though and I was able to take the pictures below.

As we left later that day a cormorant or some such bird was sitting up on Acrospires mast and the wind had blown away, yes that was a great Australia Day.



Bring your family and friends down to have a sail. The 2014 Sunday sailing dates coincide with the Wooden Boats Association sail days and a rescue boat will be on duty from 11am – 3pm. 2014 Sunday Sailing Dates:

23 March

27 April

25 May

22 June

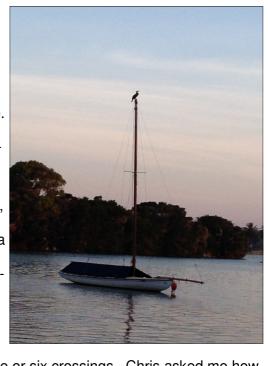
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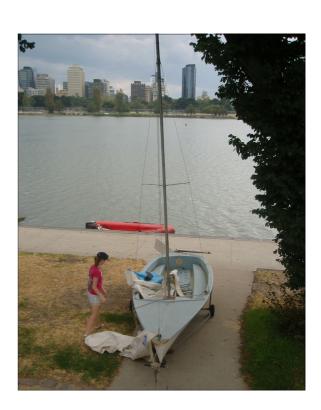
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28 September

26 October

23 November





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APYC Welcomes the following New Members

We welcome the following new members who have joined over the last few months: Stephanie Broz
Andrea Broz
William Ma
Asher Goh
Esther Schroeder
Grace Cho
Nebojsa Ivankovic

Membership Secretary Report by John Dixon

To ensure that all members are fully informed of the current happening at the club the Commodore has been sending out weekly emails. The effectiveness of this has been somewhat limited because of the seniormembers only 56% have email addresses lodged with the club. To make sure that everyone gets these emails please advise all family members to register their email address with the club. It is very important that all members are kept up to date as a number of important changes will be occurring at the club in the near future.

Email addresses can be sent to membership@apyc.org.au or to John Dixon on 0402 008808 or by mail to APYC PO Box 3 Albert Park VIC 3206

APYC Learn To Sail Schedule 2014

Sailing is fun and learning to sail is fun too.

The current course is underway and the next courses for both levels one and two for 2014 will run from:

3 May – 28 June 2 August – 20 September 18 October – 13 December

For all enquiries about APYC's training program contact Ray Wines APYC Training Coordinator tel. 0427 094 949





Geoff Hurren 23/12/1929 - 29/10/2013 by Norm Hammon

Geoff Hurren passed away after a long period of illness, leaving his lovely wife Suzanne, and three daughters Katherine, Helen and Merewyn.

Geoff and I were mates together as young men in Coburg, where he used to hear me talking about sailing boats. In 1947 I asked Geoff to be my crew on my Australian Snipe class yacht which I had recently built and launched at the Club.

This was at a time when the Club was facing eviction from the Lake, and the few members who were left were asked for help to keep our Club running. Geoff offered (or was pushed) to take on the vacant Club secretary position, which he held for many years, and became a valuable asset in the re-establishment of Club racing etc.

Our Club had adopted the Gwen 12 Class and arranged a building scheme among the members. Not being part of the group, and not having built a boat, Geoff obtained a beautiful new professionally built varnished boat No. 258 which he raced at the Club and around Victoria.

This helped stabilise our renewed sailing fleet, and encouraged others to build or obtain better boats. He joined the Gwen Association and also helped to establish our club as a serious competitor in yachting circles.

At that time we were also were promoting a class called the GP 14. Lindsay Johnson joined the Club with 2 juniors, Sue and Keith, and sailed a GP. The family readily joined into Club affairs, assisting us in our work greatly. It was not long before Geoff took an interest in daughter Suzanne, (Sue) who he married. This union has lasted all of these years, and until the passing of Geoff they were a very devoted couple. His girls were never interested in sailing, which is a great pity.

Geoff was a wonderful worker for our Club, being Secretary for many years during the rebuilding of the Club, he served a term as Commodore between 1967 and 1969.

In 1972 he was appointed a Honorary Life Member of the Club for his valuable services above and beyond that expected of a member.

It is with pleasure that I bring to your attention, details of the passing of a great man who helped to bring our Club to become one of the best small boat Clubs in Victoria.

Norm Hammon, O.A.M.

Editors Note: Norm Hammon received the Order of Australia Medal Award (OAM) in 2010 "For Service to the Sport of Sailing,particularly through the International Fireball Association and to the Community."



Geoff Hurren (on right) as part of my crew at the Club in about 1949-50



Geoff Hurren (on right) at the Frankston YC Easter Regatta which was washed out due to windy conditions

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Easter 2014

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





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.

Where: Waranga Boat Club, Rushworth Tatura Road Rushworth



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.

April 18th-21st, some stay longer.

For more information contact Chris Pulham: 0411741417 cpulham@ozemail.com.au

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.

Galley Roster by Jackie White & Pam Pulham

Thank you to everyone helping with the Galley. Please contact Jackie on 0419187140 or Pam on 95980820 if you need to change dates.

8 March	No APYC sailing – Labour Day Weekend						
15 March	No APYC sailing – Grand Prix						
22 March	Race Day	Jackie	Carol				
29 March	Race Day	Pam	Terri				
5 April	Race Day	Annette	Abby				
12 April	Race Day	Jackie	Jenny J				
19 April	No APYC sailing – Easter						
26 April	Afternoon sailing with ASC						
3 Мау	Race Day	Annette	Jana				
10 May	Race Day	Jackie	Abby				
17 May	Race Day	Pam	Jenny J.				
24 May	Race Day	Annette	Terri				
31 May	Race Day	Jackie	Jana				
7 June	No APYC sailing – Queen's Birthday Weekend						
14 June	Race Day	Pam	Carol				

APYC Duty Roster and Calendar 2013/2014

- Indicates APYC Start Boat **RACE START TIME: 14:30 Daylight Savings**

Date	Event	Start	Race Off.	Duty Off.	Resc. 1	Crew	Resc. 2	Crew
Sat 1 Mar	Summer Championship Heat 7 - 14:30 YV Schools Racing		Phil Johnson	Keith Ives Les Wood	Graeme Silver	Ray Richards	Graeme Cox	Harry Cox
Sat 8 Mar	Labour Day Weekend No APYC Racing		Labour Day Weekend					
Sat 15Mar	Grand Prix No APYC Racing		Grand Prix Weekend					
Sun 16Mar	Grand Prix Sailing Regatta		Grand Prix Sailing Regatta 16:00 - 19:00					
Sat 22Mar	Summer Handicap Heat 7 - 14:30		Peter Naismith	Chris Pulham Peter Game	Sue Curlis- Smith	Robyn Primrose	Ray Wines**	lan Kirkham**
Sun 23Mar	Sunday Social Sailing				Paul Taig	Volunteer		
Sat 29Mar	Summer Championship Heat 8 - 14:30	<u> </u>	Mike Howell	Keith Ives David Hunt	Graeme Silver	Brian Jones	Peter Whitaker	David McMillan

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

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Date	Event	Start	Race Off.	Duty Off.	Resc. 1	Crew	Resc. 2	Crew
Sat 5 Apr	Summer Handicap Heat 8 - 14:30		Colin Randall	Joan & Roy Williams	Rob Pulham	Brian Taylor	Mark Ashkanasy	Richard Winnicki**
Sat 12Apr	Summer Championship Heat 9 - 14:00	<u> </u>	Paul Taig	Keith Ives Gerd Beier	Graeme Silver	Zoe Baranowski	John Dixon	Chris Markiewicz
Sat 19Apr	Easter No APYC Racing		Easter					
Sat 26Apr	Anzac Day Weekend WORKING BEE Afternoon racing with ASC		Working Bee					
Sun 27Apr	Sunday Social Sailing				Paul Taig	Volunteer		
Sat 3 May	Winter Handicap Heat 1 - 14:00		Chris Davey	Keith Ives Les Wood	Philip Cook	Darryl Larcombe	Alyssa Marrinon	Liza Taylor**
Sat 10May	Winter Championship Heat 1 - 14:00	<u> </u>	Jon Pulham	Geoff Kirkham Peter	Graeme Silver	Paul Richards	Ross Mulcahy	Ray Richards
Sat 17May	Winter Handicap Heat 2 - 14:00		Ron Parker	Joan & Roy Williams	Jim French	David French	Graeme Cox**	Harry Cox**
Sat 24May	Winter Championship Heat 2 - 14:00		Grant Haggett	David Hunt Gerd Beier	Graeme Silver	David Tedhams	Danny Marrinon	William Cook
Sun 25May	Sunday Social Sailing		Sunday Social Sailing					
Sat 31May	Winter Handicap Heat 3 - 14:00		Phil Johnson	Keith Ives Les Wood	Michael Cook	Anne Wells	John Dixon**	lan Kirkham**
Sat 7 Jun	Queen's Birthday Weekend No APYC Racing		Queens Birthday Weekend					
Sat 14Jun	Winter Championship Heat 3 - 14:00		Peter Naismith	Joan & Roy Williams	Graeme Silver	David Emery	Jon Pulham	Rob Allen

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