

On The Lake

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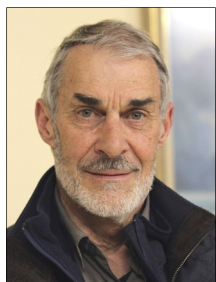
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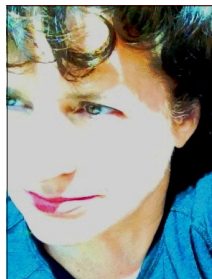
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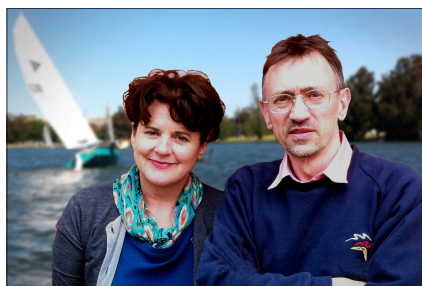


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From On The Lake Editors



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Hi, this edition has been bought to you by a transitional editorial team made up of Liza Taylor and myself. I will be still supporting the technical part of publishing our newsletter for some time. I hope, Liza will have as much satisfaction putting On The Lake together, as I did, for the last few years. I would like to remind members interested in David Hunt's Tribute to Dick Seear that OTL 4 and 5 from 2008 have two articles about this great APYC member.

Enjoy the reading!
Chris Markiewicz



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Commodore's Comment by Peter Whitaker

Saturday's are special days for me. I go sailing. I love the water, the camaraderie of my fellow sailors, and the constant challenge of sailing. Whether I have had an exhilarating sail or a frustrating sail I never think of putting up a for sale sign. After a rest I am ready for the next week. And when I can sail on a Wednesday evenings I count that as a bonus. If you haven't tried Twilight sailing do so.

Sailing provides me with an opportunity to enjoy myself and test my aptitude. That brings me to the vision I have for the club. Part of the enjoyment has to do with a safe and helpful environment. Club competition provides a safe environment and the membership is helpful. Our aptitude is and can be advanced.

I found in the club's "5-Year-Plan that Danny showed to us at the AGM this year, the goal of having a 'buddy'. What a marvellous idea that is, albeit in its embryonic stage! What if our club developed a deep culture of mentoring? It seems obvious that a new sailor would benefit by having a mentor. And of course a new member to the club could also do with a mentor to show her/him the way around the place, and to show her/him around the lake and its beguiling wind shadows. But even the best of sailors could do with a mentor. My observation is that those at the pinnacle of their professions and sports have had and still do have mentors.

So imagine APYC with a mentoring system across the whole club. A culture that doesn't depend on listening for some tips to fall off a conversation one over hears, or a result of a special request to someone for help. Rather an active programme of reflection on our sailing that helps us to maximise our sailing regardless of our position in the fleet. I must admit to having had some ad hoc mentoring when I was sailing Solos for which I am grateful. But I do know how much more I would have benefited if it had been 'arranged'. I would also affirm the willingness of many members to offer help.

So I put to you the challenge as to how you might contribute to developing a positive mentoring culture at APYC. I certainly will be pushing for this.

So now I am commodore. And I have shared some of my love of sailing and my dreams for the club. We won't go into how I became Commodore, but I do thank those who have put their trust in the new committee and me. I am delighted to report that we have a full deck of flag officers and committee members. Our Rear Commodore Jonathan handed over a good working committee with a lot of good things beginning to take place. We are already planning for next year. We have tweaked our sail-training programme a little; will work at hosting some excellent regattas in 2013 and will hurry up the property maintenance work.

Thank you for reading this and I look forward to seeing you at the club, and even more so on the water.

Peter Whitaker (*quietly 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.

Farewell Dick Secar 5.7.1919—9.10.2012 by David Hunt

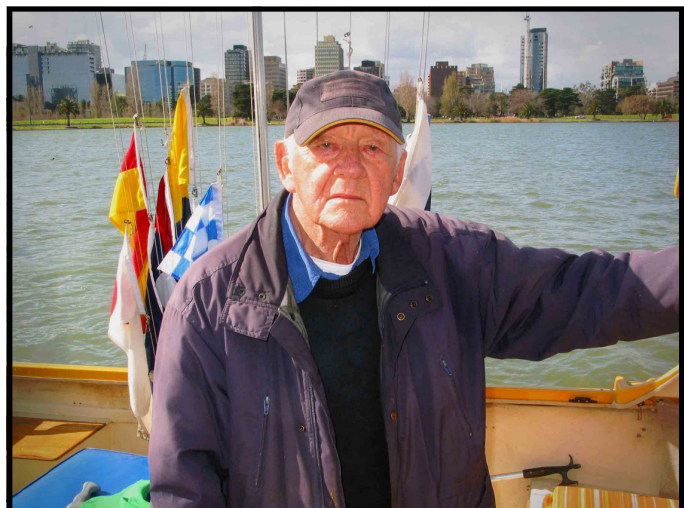
At APYC we knew Dick as skipper of Pilot. He seemed to have been there forever but our Yacht Club was only the last chapter in an eventful life packed with activity, service and achievement in many different fields: naval officer, industrialist and senior bureaucrat but always, regardless of his commanding bearing, a humble man pleased to serve others. At his Memorial Service the club was represented by ten club members, including the Commodore and several past commodores. When they wish to pay a compliment, old sailors use the expression 'I like the cut of his jib' and that certainly applied to Dick; a straight-shooter, a man without guile, always up front. When he trained me to work Pilot, what was required was always crystal clear. There was only one way to do things; the right way. His instruction on how to use the on-board radio was precise, indeed pedantic. "At the end of a radio check you just say *out*, which means you're switching off." Dick would say. "You don't say *over and out*. That's an insult which actually means *over to you (but I'm not listening)*."

In the navy Dick sailed in a 27' Whaler, on Lake Burley Griffin in Canberra a Hunter Class trailer-sailor, at Mornington a Dragon and then a Flying 15. When he came to APYC he had a Sabre; the fixed keel of the Flying 15 made it just plain wrong for Albert Park Lake. Dick and his mate Hans van Roosendaal drove the start boat for APYC and the Albert Sailing Club for their combined starts. Both men were awarded Honorary Life Membership by the Albert Sailing Club. Pilot was not Dick's first experience working on a start boat; he also drove Retriever, the large wooden Committee Boat at Mornington. Over the years Dick has done more for the club than drive the start boat; he won the competition to name our newest rescue boat *Escort*, he was awarded The Club Spirit Award and he was central to the success of our Sailability Program. The end of Sailability, which Dick attributes to the drought, was a source of great sadness for him. He had gained great satisfaction from working with disabled people and introducing them to the joys of sailing.

Dick's service history is a key to understanding the man. In 1936, in his teens, he entered the Royal Navy as a Cadet and within weeks was on the way to Gibraltar in the training ship *Vindictive*. A year later he was a Midshipman in the Royal Navy Engineering College at Devonport. Soon after, WWII began, the training was accelerated and Dick and his shipmates became servicemen at war, in carriers. Later, at about the same time as the USA entered the war, Dick made an important career decision. His promotion prospects depended on expanding his engineering know-how, either by joining the Fleet Air Arm or volunteering for submarine service; he went for the submarines because the FAA was "too bloody dangerous" I would have thought it was Hobson's Choice but Dick never regretted becoming a submariner. When there was time for a chat on Pilot, Dick would often tell tales about his time on the T-boats. (All the subs had names beginning with T.) He served in *Taurus* and *Taciturn* but he knew the entire fleet and also served with the French navy. He laughed when he told us about his meeting with General De Gaulle "on the casing of a French boat, being kissed on both cheeks by the 6' 4" general." After he moved into care, what always aroused his interest was a discussion of the T-boats or a look at his books about submarines.

Notwithstanding his two mentions in dispatches, the event of his war service that seems most important to me is the part he played in the evacuation of Dunkirk. Dick made four trips across the Channel in a sailboat, under fire, to rescue allied soldiers trapped on the beaches of Dunkirk. What a memorial!

David Hunt



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Ballaarat Yacht Club Open Day

Saturday 3 November By Harry Cox



Harry and Graeme sailing in Ballarat

The tradition of racing Acrospire against Ballaarat Yacht clubs' Valdera has been kept up for years and dates back to 1977. This year however Valdera, was out of the water due to repairs being made and so the race couldn't go ahead. But that did not stop a small group of members from APYC driving up the Western Highway to celebrate BYC's open day and take part in their sail past and a race. We brought the sunny weather with us including a good breeze to make it a great day. Three boats were sailed by APYC members; Chris Grant and Jim sailing 'Bob', Jonathon and Liza sailing the Pursuit and my dad Graeme and I sailing another Pursuit. My initial shock was the absence of a wind break called an island, this and the lack of buildings resulted in a steady breeze. Before the race, speeches were made and the sail past went underway with the help of a miniature cannon (wow it was loud). The race got away and we had a good start but Jonathan took the lead

with us trailing just behind at rounding the first mark. At one stage we rounded the windward mark and were reaching to the second trailing Jonathon and Jim. Dad lined the both of them in his sights and with the launch of the spinnaker we were off. This was my initiation to the trapeze and it is by far the best invention ever made for a yacht. With me hanging out and the spinnaker pulling us along with a wake of spray we sped faster than a locomotive past 'Bob' leaving Jim and the crew dazed. But over confidence got the better of us and over we went into the once empty lake (I couldn't touch the bottom) creating a spectacular sight. Luckily for us, Scott from BYC jumped off a jubilee to lend a hand getting us upright and off again. We finished the race and sailed back to shore with the knowledge that that had been one of the best sails we had experienced all year. Afterwards awards were given and I received a junior medal, following was a barbeque and we all enjoyed eating sausages and salad.

A big thanks to Jim and Leanne for lending us their Pursuit it was amazing. I highly recommend this day to other members of APYC who might like to attend next year.

Social Secretary's Report by Anne Wells

Hi everyone,

As we all know and feel, Christmas is fast approaching with vengeance and joy. Our winter presentation and Christmas party is being held on the 8th December so make sure you remember to put your names down, the more the merrier. We will also be holding our raffle again this year, if you would like to make a contribution to help with our prizes it would be greatly appreciated and of course there will be a couple of surprises for the kids.

Cheers,

Anne Wells

Social Sailing...

The Club is proposing to hold social sailing days on the first Sunday of each month if there is enough interest from members. Please let us know if you would be interested in social sailing, a chance to sail on the lake for fun and recreation with a barbeque afterwards. If interested members could register their interest with a committee member or with an email to the club.

Discover Sailing Day at APYC Sunday 18 November

Twenty people discovered sailing with APYC on Sunday and two families may join up. Thanks to Paul Taig and all the club members who helped on the day.

Maritime and Collectibles Market Sunday 18 November

Queenscliffe Maritime Museum held its market earlier this year on Sunday 18 November. Secondhand goods can be donated any time from now to next November, when they will be sold by the Queenscliffe Maritime Museum volunteers as part of their fundraising effort. Email info@maritimequeenscliffe.org.au for any questions regarding this annual market.

Sail Melbourne Cup Carnival 2 – 8 December Sandringham Yacht Club

The ISAF Sailing World Cup is to be hosted at Sandringham Yacht Club from 2 – 8 December.

The festivities over these days include a wide range of on and offshore activities.

On Saturday 8 December there will be fun for all the family on Hampton Beach, SHQ Cafe next to Sandringham Yacht Club. Fun for all the family will include on-shore games and face painting as well as wind surfing, stand up paddle, kayaking, kite boarding demonstrations and of course, sailing. Attendees will also have the opportunity to come face to face with some of Australia's sailing legends, allowing them all to embrace the excitement of the Sailing World Cup Carnival!

Full program details and activity registration open soon. Go to www.sailmelbourne.com.au

APYC Christmas Party

Saturday December 8 @ 6pm

To book see Pam at the Galley

and pay \$10 each by Dec 1st.

Please let the Galley know if

any special dietary requirements.



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 Saturdays **9th February** through to and including **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**

To enrol contact Training Coordinator Ray Wines mob 0427 094 949

Notes from a first time racer

I was extremely thrilled about completing two large laps during a real race. I felt very supported during the race and enjoyed it very much. Paul Taig gave me good advice on my rigging and the rescue crew also gave me encouragement and advice. I really felt I could actually sail and I loved the feeling of being part of fleet. I had been worried about being on my own for two hours sailing but I now realize in the race you are not alone you are part of a big fleet with many familiar faces and a very supportive atmosphere. It was the longest sail I have ever done which was also thrilling especially the second time down to St Kilda which seemed even further away than the first time. The weather and conditions were perfect, my very patient instructors were right to encourage me to race on Saturday. It really got me over my fear of the race, especially the start. There were not too many in the fleet on Saturday and the conditions were just perfect. I now cant wait to sail in the race as I can see how much you learn actually being in the race. If the weather seems too daunting I may race in a Pacer or with David in his dinghy but other wise I will just be racing now on Saturday afternoons. I was so pleased with myself. It was a big breakthrough for me and I am very touched you took such pleasure in my first race.

Liza Taylor

Membership Fees and implications of non payment

We want our members to enjoy all the benefits of the club and sailing safely under the auspices of a registered sailing club. We also need to operate within the constitution and obligations of the club.

Therefore in accordance with Rule 6.5 a-c any member who has not renewed their membership and not notified the club of their intent to discontinue their membership will have their names listed on the club notice board and after three months will be deregistered. The consequences are that you will loose the right to enter any Yachting Australian competitions or sail in any club sailing. You will forfeit any of the assurance that sailors receive as YA members by virtue of your yacht club membership. [Cf. Rule 4.1] And, as is a common practice in all types of club, you will not be able to access the club and use any of its facilities unless you are in the company of a club member and have been registered in the 'visitors book'.

If you wish to be an "Absentee Member" please see Rule 5.7 in the APYC Rules on our website, which provides for extended periods of absenteeism on application for the same.

So I do encourage you to renew your membership or inform us of your wishes.

If you have a boat on the boat racks (APYC storage shed) and you do not remove the boat in due time it will be sold to defray storage costs incurred and the remainder of the sale money will be returned to you.

Thank you for noting this and we do hope that you avail yourself of the resources of the club.

Peter Whitaker

Commodore

Got something to contribute to OTL? A joke, article, photo, cartoon? Get it in to the editor by mid February 2013 and you'll be in print!

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The 2012-2013 Twilight Training Squad

by Mark Ashkanasy

The 2012-13 "Twilight Training Squad" is well underway.

Twilight training runs during the summer sailing season each Wednesday afternoon from 4.30-7pm, with kids and parents enjoying dinner on the top sundeck at the end of the two hour coaching sessions.

Our Squad of seven sailors and two coach assistance is headed by David White from Ireland. David was the head Optimist coach for his home country and has made his way to Australia with the assistance of the Victorian Optimist Association. He is pretty much booked up seven days a week working at the major Optimist clubs in Port Phillip and Western Port. He is also the head coach for the Victorian Team. We are indeed lucky to have him for our Wednesday sessions, thank you VIODA. The kids all get along with David really well, and are enjoying his on land tech sessions followed up by on the water drills. The kids are looking forward to several major regattas coming up this year and early 2013. These include:

- ISAF Sailing World Cup -- Sail Melbourne - December 6th-8th 2012
- Australian Championships - Sandy Bay Tasmania - 6-13 January
- Lidgett Trophy - 16-17 February 2013
- Schnapper Pt Regatta - Mornington YC - 23-24 February 2013

Victoria States - Mordialloc SC - 9-11 March 2013

Thanks to all parents for making every effort in getting you kids to the club on time, and your ongoing support of this APYC initiative. These sessions are supervised by Mark Ashkanasy, Club Junior Class Captain.



Photos by Mark Ashkanasy

Victor Hannan - APYC Member By Andrew Pickard

Following Remembrance Day recently, I was intrigued about APYC sailors who had served in the First World War of 1914 to 1918 and whose names appear on the roll-of-honour board in the clubhouse. Two of these APYC members are recorded as having being killed in the Great War and Victor Hannan is one of those two who never returned home. Some research into the online National Archives revealed the following about Victor Hannan.

Victor lived with Elizabeth, his wife, at 95 Cobden St, South Melbourne. He was 25 years old, 5'5" tall, had grey eyes and dark brown hair, was a Methodist, and worked as a carpenter. While nothing is recorded of his sailing at Albert Park Lake, Victor had served in the Naval Reserve for 6 months, indicating a keen interest in the water.

Victor reported that he enlisted in the Australian Imperial Force (AIF) in July 1915, because of a downturn in the building industry. However Victor may also have been motivated to enlist by the fact that Elizabeth's brother, Frederick Greenwood, had arrived back in Melbourne from Gallipoli where he had been wounded with a gunshot to the hand, four days after the first Gallipoli landings.

After basic training at Broadmeadows Army Camp, Victor embarked on a ship from Station Pier in March 1916 for the war in Europe. On the 1st September 1916, Victor was wounded in action, but returned to his Unit after a month in hospital. Shortly after in October 1916, Victor was charged with being 'unshaven on parade' and had to forfeit one day's pay as a penalty.

Victor's health deteriorated during the winter of 1916/17. He was admitted to hospital again in November 1916, January 1917 and March 1917 with 'sore feet and rheumatism', however Victor returned to the front line after each time. It is impossible to imagine the physical and mental difficulties Victor faced over this period.

Sometime later that year, Elizabeth received the following letter with appalling news:

Dear Mrs Hannan,

I feel it is my painful duty to write to you these few lines, as I found your son's (husband's) body yesterday, where he had fallen, and I got a Chaplain and saw him buried properly. He is now lying just behind Messines, and I will put a little cross on his grave either to-morrow or the day after. I did not know him at all, only I found two letters on him which I enclose in this letter. Death must have been instantaneous. Beyond a pocket book there was no personal things about him and for the best of reasons I am not sending it to you. I am sure you will quite understand. So please accept my deepest sympathy in your bereavement.

Yours sincerely,

Sergt. Joseph Labrum

74 Trench Mortar Battery

B.E.F France

19/6/17

The records indicate that Elizabeth moved house several times in the years following Victor's death. No doubt these must have been desperately difficult years for her.

Victor has no known grave, however his name is recorded on the Menin Gate at Ypres, Belgium, along with the names of 56,000 men including 6178 other Australians who served in the Ypres campaign and also have no known grave. Victor is also remembered on the wall of the Australian War Memorial in Canberra and on the honour board at APYC.

While this brief information about Victor and Elizabeth is sad even after 95 years, I feel it is important to acknowledge the sacrifice Victor and Elizabeth made and remember the life of a fellow sailor and APYC member. It is also worth remembering that today many Australian soldiers and their families are still paying the same terrible price Victor and Elizabeth paid 95 years ago.

Andrew Pickard

'Vivacious'

Alyssa hiking out



Sail Past Opening Day



Ballarat Sailing Day Race



Pirates Sail Past



Status and crew Open Day



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G. Whitaker and L. Taylor

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 Pam Pulham

Assistance is needed for Galley Duty every Saturday for preparation of lunches for our members who are sailing. Having two people rostered for the morning makes for an enjoyable time volunteering. Volunteers please call Pam on 9598




17 November	Race Day	Pam Pulham	Annette Marrinon
8 December	Race Day	Jackie White	Lyn Hilton
15 December	Race Day	Pam Pulham	Annette Marrinon

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
Wed 21Nov	Pre-Christmas Twilight Series - Race 4 - 19:00							
Sat 24Nov	Summer Handicap Heat 4 - 14:30		Grant Haggett	Geoff Kirkham & Jennifer Jaeger	Graeme Silver	Andrew Pickard	Danny Marrinon	Paul Richards
Wed 28Nov	Pre-Christmas Twilight Series - Race 5 - 19:00							
Sat 1 Dec	Summer Championship Heat 5 - 14:30		Jon Pulham	Keith Ives & David Hunt	Ray Wines	Chris Markiewicz	Michael Cook	Ann Wells
Wed 5 Dec	Pre-Christmas Twilight Series - Race 6 - 19:00							
Sat 8 Dec	Summer Handicap Heats 5&6 - 14:30 Christmas Party		Ron Parker	Terry Hart & David Hunt	Graeme Silver	Peter Hilton	Mark Ashkanasy	David McMillan
Wed 12Dec	Pre-Christmas Twilight Series - Race 7 - 19:00							
Sat 15Dec	No APYC racing							
Sat 22Dec	No APYC racing							

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

Date	Event	Start	Race Off.	Duty Off.	Resc. 1	Crew	Resc. 2	Crew
Sat 29Dec	No APYC racing							
Sat 5 Jan	Short Course Series Races 1,2,3 - 14:30		Chris Davey	Joan & Roy	Chris Pulham	Rob Allen		
Sat 12Jan	Short Course Series Races 4,5,6 - 14:30		Mike Howell	Brian Taylor & David Hunt	Graeme Silver	Darryl Larcombe		
Sat 19Jan	Short Course Series Races 7,8,9 - 14:30		Paul Taig	Les Wood &	Andrew Hilton	Richard Winnicki		
Wed 23Jan	New Year Twilight Series Race 1 - 19:00							
Sat 26Jan	Australia Day Weekend		Note: we are trying a single Race Officer during November & December 2012 If this is successful we will continue this during 2013 and hence RO's on 10/11, 24/11, 8/12, 12/1, 16/2, 2/3 & 6/4 should come ready to sail.					
Wed 30Jan	New Year Twilight Series Race 2 - 19:00							
Sat 2 Feb	Top Of The Bay no sailing at Albert Park							
Wed 6 Feb	New Year Twilight Series Race 3 - 19:00							
Sat 9 Feb	Summer Championship Heat 6 - 14:30		Peter Naismith	Keith Ives & David Hunt	Sue Curlis -Smith	Robyn Primrose	Stephen Hughes	Gerd Beier
Wed 13Feb	New Year Twilight Series Race 4 - 19:00							
Sat 16Feb	Summer Handicap Heat 7 - 14:30		Phil Johnson	Joan & Roy Williams	Graeme Silver	David McMillan	Peter Whitaker	Paul Ward
Wed 20Feb	New Year Twilight Series Race 5 - 19:00							
Sat 23Feb	Summer Championship Heats 7 & 8 - 14:30		Colin Randall	Les Wood &	John Dixon	Alyssa Marrinon	Ray Wines	Paul Richards

Please contact Chris Pulham 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

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