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Newsletter of the
Albert Park Yacht Club



The Solo State Championships were sailed at the club in February

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The first edition of On The Lake for 2011 contains lots of information relating to our club and sailing. This time in the Member Profile article you will find an interview with Mark Ashkanasy. It is interesting to know how our members got involved in sailing and what they like doing apart from sailing. In Mark's case, we can also find out about his recent work on APYC website. We could see few of his photographs in December 2010 OTL, hopefully we will see more in the next issues of OTL. Good luck with the APYC crossword number 17!

Enjoy your reading!
Chris Markiewicz



Do you get APYC weekly E-News? If not, send your email address to: info@apyc.org.au and we'll add you to the list!

Commodore's Comment by Jonathan Pulham

It's been encouraging to see a number of the clubs newer sailors joining club racing this Summer season. The biggest participation has been in the Wednesday Twilight Series, where we have been getting fleets of 18 boats on some evenings. When I started sailing I used to hang back a little at the start of races, slightly upwind of the start boat, and cross the line next to the start boat 5 – 10 seconds after the others had gone. Doing this I was clear of other boats, behind but upwind of them, and I would find I was in front of a few by the first tack, which did a lot to boost my confidence.

Racing is not so much a matter of knowing what to do with the sails and the boat – you know *how* to sail. Rather it is about feeling confident alongside other boats – knowing what they might decide to do, and knowing what they might expect of you. To a large degree this knowledge will come from experience – being out there every week or every fortnight will help. There are times though when a better understanding of sailing rules will improve your confidence. The main areas on the lake where rules play a part are: at the start; at marks; at obstacles such as the wall and its jetties, (some sailors have found that trees around the lake can be classified as obstacles, though the rules that apply here may be more to the tune of 'look up and live', or 'don't endanger wildlife'); and when boats meet in opposite directions up the long 'St Kilda' arm of the lake.

The club used to hold a short discussion at race briefings which focused on a particular rule each week. I am keen to get this running again, starting perhaps in April with an earlier briefing time to allow for it. The talks will be aimed at newer sailors, but will also benefit those of us who are more experienced. You might be surprised at just how much us experienced sailors are unaware of when it comes to racing rules.

You will probably have been aware of the Solo State Titles which the club hosted over two weekends in February. We had a wide range of sailing weather, in which Danny Marrinon proved he still remembers how to sail Solos, winning the closely contested series on a tiebreak from Brian Jones. A full account appears later in the newsletter. I'd like to thank all those that helped run the series – Race Officer Chris Davey; Pilot crew Tony Roberts, David Hunt and Terry Hart; Rescue crew David McMillan, Chris Pulham, and Alyssa Marrinon; Galley crew Pam Pulham and Annette Marrinon.

An event coming up fairly soon – Thursday March 31st – Friday April 1st - for which the club will need many helpers is the School Team Racing State Selection regatta. We have hosted this event in the past but not quite on the scale that this years' is becoming. We are expecting between 20 and 30 schools. We are co-hosting the regatta with Albert Sailing Club, in a similar format to the Grand Prix Regatta, which some members will remember. If you are able to assist, on either day, both days, or even for half a day, please let me know within the next week, and I will add you to the roster.

A reminder that Parks Victoria does not send out renewals for parking permits, so you need to be for the aware of the expiry date on your permit and get it renewed yourself. The club volunteer permits are renewed this month, so those who have them should see me and I will give you the new one. Parking permits are \$40 for the year, (less for junior members), and are available as a downloadable form from Park's website. Alternatively, parking is \$2 for the weekend.

I'd like to welcome Ray Wines as our new training coordinator. A former commodore, Ray knows APYC back to front, and is looking forward to welcoming new members to the club, and taking them through the steps to learn to sail. Whilst I am writing about training, we are looking to find some extra instructors, so if you are interested in teaching others how to sail on Saturday mornings, please see myself or Ray.

The State Titles for most classes are on the Labour Day weekend. The Impulses are at Black Rock and the Pacers are at Williamstown. There will be a few of our members competing in each class, so come down to visit if you are in the area and not sailing yourself. Good luck to all!

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.

Waranga

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.

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APYC Voicemail: call 03-9690-5418 and listen to the recorded message for information about what's on at the club.

Albert Park Yacht Club APPLIES FOR LEVEL 3 ACCREDITATION IN GOOD SPORTS PROGRAM

Albert Park Yacht Club is committed to the principles of responsible alcohol management by applying for Level 3 accreditation in the Australian Drug Foundation's Good Sports program.

Good Sports is the first nationwide alcohol management program of its kind and is run in Victoria by the Australian Drug Foundation with the support of VicHealth, Transport Accident Commission (TAG), the Department of Human Services and the Department of Health and Ageing. The program was developed following research conducted by the Australian Drug Foundation which indicated that by introducing responsible alcohol management practices, clubs became safer and more viable.

As a requirement of Level 3, the Club has developed a written alcohol management policy that clearly explains how we will manage alcohol responsibly and reduce alcohol related harms. The policy includes sections on bar management, the sale of low and non-alcoholic drinks, safe transport, the provision of food when alcohol is served and removing the emphasis on alcohol for player awards, functions and prizes.

We are confident that our involvement in the Good Sports program will continue to improve the environment at the Club. We are working to ensure that Albert Park Yacht Club, is a great place to participate and socialise for all members of our community.

The club will be regularly monitored to ensure we comply with the program. It is the responsibility of all members to make sure we do the right thing when drinking and enjoying ourselves.

For more information about the Good Sports program contact Danny Marrinon.

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Solo Class Report by Brian Jones



Over the 12th, 13th and 19th February, APYC hosted the 2011 Solo State Titles. We had 10 boats sail on various days during a contrasting variety of conditions.

On day 1 we had strong breezes with most sailors able to hang on and get round the courses. Quite a few ended up doing a bit of swimming at some stage during the day. Grant sailed the best in these conditions winning both races with Danny second and me third.

On day 2 we had lighter conditions and I was able to win both races. Grant came in second and Danny and Brian Taylor shared 3rd & 4th positions. It does pay to read the course board

before the race as Ray got the course wrong in race 4 and all the boats following him ended up doing the wrong course also!

On day 3 we had gale force conditions on the Bay and the lake was really tough. Here Danny was in his element winning both these races and only two of us ended completing race 6. I still have bruises all over me from the racing & swimming!



After a countback, Danny Marrinon is the 2011 Champion, Brian Jones second, Grant Haggett third. The winner of the New Solo Owners trophy is Ray Wines. The Handicap trophy will be determined when Colin gets back from his holidays and is able to work out the results.



Many thanks to the APYC members who gave up their time to allow us to put on these championships. We will soon arrange a Presentation Dinner for all the sailors, helpers and families who

wish to join us – keep an eye out for details..



Photographs by
Chris Pulham

Think you've got something to contribute to OTL? A story, cartoon, photo?? Get it in by 1st May 2011 and you'll be in print!

Wooden Boat Assn.

Interested in model boats? The Wooden boat association is holding a model boat sailing exhibition on **1st May**, the Sunday following the first race of our Winter season. All kinds of boats expected - if you have one, bring it along too.

Grand Prix Road Closures

It will be possible to get in to the club until Sunday 20th March. At midnight on Sunday the Park will be closed until Wednesday 29th March. It can be difficult getting to the club even when the park is open at this time of year, but you can usually get here through the park gates at Albert Rd.

Pilot Apprentice Program

In the last newsletter, details were published about this training opportunity for junior sailors. (See; On The Lake December Edition)

For interested applicants, the required form is on the club website. (www.apyc.org.au)

It is also provided here in hard copy. Forms can be given to any committee member or to David Hunt on a Saturday.

Application Form

First Name..... Family Name.....

Date of Birth.....

I would like to be selected as a member of the Pilot Apprentice Crew.

Date commenced sailing.....

Boat sailed. Class..... Sail number..... Name.....

Courses completed with APYC (Include dates)

Courses completed elsewhere.

What will this opportunity do for you?

What will you be able to do for APYC as a result?

Signed..... Parent's consent.....

Printed..... Name, printed.....

Date.....

We have a few new members looking for crewing positions anytime. Please see Jonathan or email info@apyc.com.au if you can help.



Member profile

Mark Ashkanasy

Mark, how has your interest in sailing developed over the years, when did you start?

My Family would holiday each year at Frankston since the 1940's. So each summer school holidays I would spend about eight weeks on the beach, sailing small dinghy's in the 60's, and fishing for flat head!

What did you sail at the time?

During my high school years, the 70's I sailed a Hobbie Cat at my boarding school yacht club. Since this was easily the fastest yacht on *Limeburners Lagoon* Corio Bay Geelong I didn't get much of a chance to tune up my racing skills!

What other boats did you sail over the years?

I first sailed a Sabot at age 10, then an Imbi, which my father manufactured for about five years, with limited success. The Imbi was a fibreglass/polystyrene construction and could be used for sailing, rowing and fishing. It performed about as well as the classic Mirror!! After sailing a Hobbie 14 in my teen years I then moved on to Windsurfing and crewing at Mornington on 30-40' racing keel boats through the 80's.

When did you become APYC member and who else in your family is sailing?

After living in South Melbourne for nearly 20 years, I cant believe it took me so long to join APYC in 2009. Now with my son Ben recently completed the learn to sail. I now look forward to my youngest son Max and (wife) Shai soon to get into the learn to sail program. It looks like I will manage to get the whole family sailing pretty soon.

What do you like to do apart from sailing?

Its pretty hard to go past the Whitsunday Islands for a great sailing adventure. I've only been there once, but that one week cruise on a 42 foot ketch with friends is a life long memory. I'll have to get back there soon. So in the meantime I'll keep my sailing tuned up at APYC on my Laser. I've got a way to go to come anywhere close to winning some races, but for me I really do "Just love messing about in boats"!

My main winter sport is Snow Skiing, and with my family we are members of a family club at Mt Buller called Alkira Ski Club. Much like APYC, Alkira has many activities thorough the winter months that keep the whole family busy. The Interschool racing is of particular interest, where Ben and Max compete regularly, in particular the freestyle Mogul skiing event. Shai was a Mt Buller ski patroller for about eight years, during the 90's, and prior to that competed on the Australian Free-style skiing circuit at as a competitive Mogul Skiing, being part of Team Buller's Mogul Team Buller in the mid 1980's.

We know you have been involved in rebuilding APYC website. Can you tell us about the process of working on it?

Working as a professional photographer and creative services, I first had to learn website design in the mid 90's. With the onset of the digital revolution in photography and my commercial work in major national and international snow sports events, including three Winter Olympics, I had to deliver my images via the web. These included 1994 Lillehammer, Norway, 1998 Nagano Japan, and 2002 Salt Lake City, USA. At these events I worked as the AOC Team photographer. In addition to my photographic skills, this required some knowledge of web design in order to get images

to the media rapidly. Eventually I became involved in larger website design as the IT revolution marched on. I have recently designed web sites for the South Melbourne Life Saving Club, Alkira Ski Club Mt.Buller and the JNats site, the Junior National Freestyle Skiing event at Mt Buller.

What are the main differences between the previous site and the new one?

The new website differs greatly from our previous version. The most profound difference is that it can now easily be updated from any PC or MAC without any special software. Using a Cloud Computing Web Solution the site can be maintained and updated at any time providing an internet connection is available. The opportunity for Classifieds, Photo Galleries, and a more dynamic web experience will all be enhanced in time. For those with IPHones the site is now optimized for these devices and displays in a more elegant manor for these small screens.

Thank you, Mark for making the time for this interview and see you on the lake.

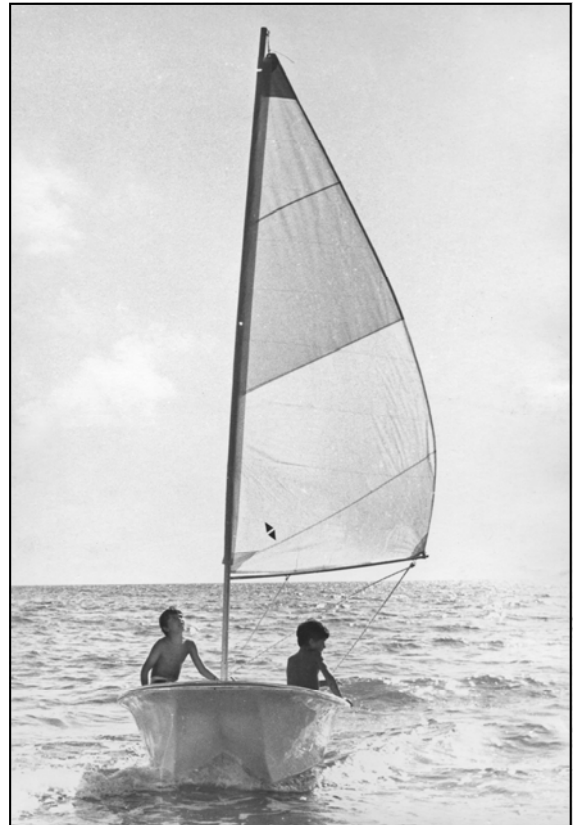


Photo: Mark at the helm with brother Grant, in the first production model of the Imbi sailing dinghy, Frankston beach 1969. My father Neville manufactured the Imbi from 1969- 1972. Designed by Warwick Hood, the dinghy was unsinkable being made of a fibreglass outer skin and a solid inner core of polystyrene. Like the Mirror, the Imbi could be rowed, sailed or even support up to a 10hp outboard. "Grant and I caught many a flathead off Frankston beach in the little Imbi, as a fishing boat"!



Former sailor's a singing success

by Norm Hammon

Terry Hart, Dougal Watt and I were very fortunate to attend a recital given by Mike Howell's daughter Jordie today, Sunday 27th February at Christ church - South Yarra. Jordie has a wonderful soprano voice, and delighted the audience with a wonderful performance in song, supported by some very talented musicians. For those who may not know, Jordie has no sight, and is leaving mid March for a competition in Prague for blind and partially sighted musical people.. the recital was to help with funding for the trip, and we wish her well. With her voice, she must receive some award.

Should you need digital files of photographs published in OTL or on the APYC Website, please contact Chris Markiewicz and bring a blank CD or USB to the club.

Joke Corner with Hugh Moore

A yachtsman and his wife were driving down a country road without speaking to each other for quite some time. An early discussion had led to an argument, and neither wanted to concede their position. As they passed a farm yard with mules, goats and pigs. The yachtsman finally broke the silence by saying sarcastically, "Relatives of yours?" Yep!., the wife replied, "In – laws"

Two of our senior Solo members were rigging their boats as they had done for so many years in front of the Clubhouse. Recently they had missed one another due to holidays or illness, however on this day one came up to his mates boat, looked at the other skipper for a while and said, " Now don't get mad at me, I know we have been friends for so long.... but I just can't think of your name at the moment. The other skipper glared at him for several minutes, and finally said. "How soon do you want to know?"

A married couple in our Club, who we cannot name, were discussing whether computers were male or female.

" Most Definitely female " said the husband, " you spend half of your income on accessories for them, and even the smallest mistakes are stored in their long – term memory for use at a later date."

"Nope" said his wife, "they are male . To get their attention you have to turn them on and as soon as you commit to one, you realize that you could have got a better model if you had only waited a little longer"



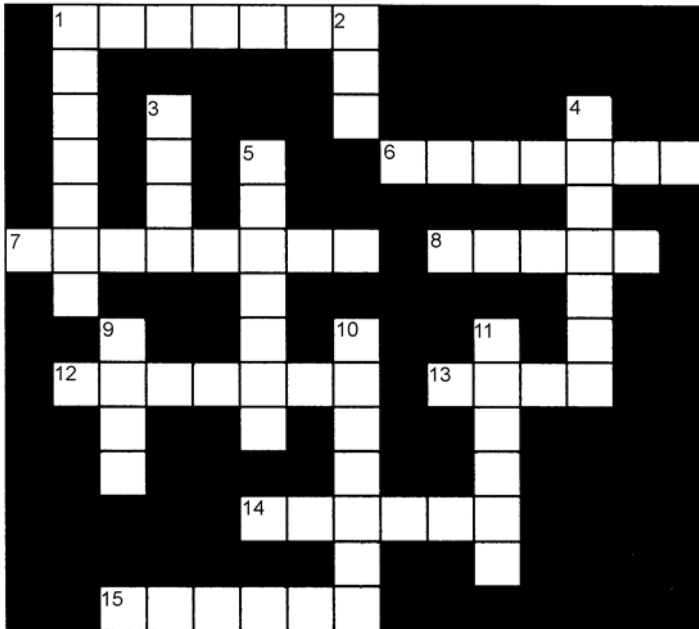
Sailing as the sun goes down in the Twilight Series



Andrew and James enjoying a fresh breeze in the Pacer



APYC Crossword #17



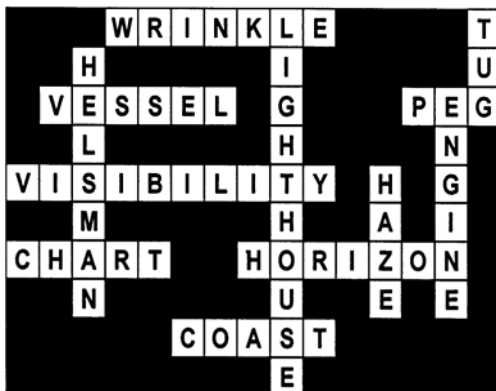
Across

- 1. Kind of rope or an artist
- 6. Schedule
- 7. Prediction
- 8. Tip out
- 12. Stability
- 13. Rod or post
- 14. Connection
- 15. Act of pulling

Down

- 1. A floating construction
- 2. Arrange
- 3. Large ripple on a liquid
- 4. Kind of knot
- 5. Fast movement of a sail
- 9. Ground
- 10. Shortening sail
- 11. Whirlpool

APYC Crossword #16 Solutions



Contribute to
 APYC Crossword
 Number 18!
 Be part of the game!
 Just write your entries with a short clue and
 give them to
 OTL editor

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

5 th March	Race day	Annette Marrinon	Carol Wines
12 th March	Labour Day Weekend		
19 th March	Race Day	Pam Pulham	Terri Richards
26 th March	Grand Prix		
Thurs 31 st March	Schools Teams Racing	Pam Pulham	9AM to 4PM or part thereof
Fri 1 st April	Schools Teams Racing	Pam Pulham	9AM to 4PM or part thereof
2 nd April	Race Day	Jackie White	Carol Wines
9 th April	Race Day	Lyn Hilton	Annette Marrinon
16 th April	Race Day	Pam Pulham	Terri Richards
23 rd April	Easter		
30 th April	Race day	Jackie White	Carol Wines

Thankyou to all those who have assisted in the Galley over summer. Special thanks to Annette Marrinon who helped out many a Saturday over the summer holidays. Also , a special thanks to Michael Cook who enabled us to use the oven after he had determined the cause of a problem we had.

A Special Event coming up is The SCHOOLS STATE TEAMS RACING held on Thursday 31st March and Friday 1st April. We need at least 4 volunteers for the Galley to organise lunches for the teams as they come off the water. So far I have one person for each day. Please call Pam on 9598 0820 and let her know if you can assist.

APYC Duty Roster and Calendar 2011






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



- Indicates APYC Start Boat

Date	Event	Start	Race Off.	Duty Off.	Resc. 1	Crew	Resc. 2	Crew
Sat 5 Mar	Championship Heat 7 & 8		Peter Naismith	Les Wood	Ian Willmott	Dennis O'Rielly	Michael Cook	
Wed 9 Mar	New Year Twilight Series Race 6 - 19:00		Volunteers needed for race management 18.00 - 20.00, (an ideal way to learn how to run a race)					
Sat 12 Mar	Labour Day Weekend Social Sailing		STATE TITLES					
Wed 16 Mar	New Year Twilight Series Race 7 - 19:00		Volunteers needed for race management 18.00 - 20.00, (an ideal way to learn how to run a race)					
Sat 19 Mar	Handicap Heat 9 - 14:30		Chris Davey	Joan Williams	Ian Willmott	Phillip Cook	James French	David French
Sat 26 Mar	Grand Prix No sailing at Albert Park							

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 2 Apr	Championship Heat 9 14..30		Ron Parker	Les Wood	Stephen Hughes	Mark Ashkanasy	Ray Wines	Niel Flavel
Sat 9 Apr	Provision for resail or Sternchaser 14.00		Grant Haggett	Joan Williams	Graeme Silver	Richard Winnicki	Danny Marrinon	Alysa Marrinon
Sat 16 Apr	WORKING BEE and Provision for resail							
Sat 23 Apr	EASTER		Easter Regattas or Waranga					
Sat 30 Apr	Winter Championship Heat 1 14.00		Mike Howell	Les Wood	Ian Willmott	Bevan May	Dougal Watt	Dan McFaden
Sat 7 May	Winter Handicap Heat 1 14.00		Terry Hart	Joan Williams	Graeme Silver	Peter Fuller	Ross Mulcahy	Daryl Larcombe
Sat 14 May	Winter Championship Heat 2		Paul Taig	Geof Kirkham	Ian Willmott	Rob Allen	Ray Richards	Zoe Adams
Sat 21 May	Winter Handicap Heat 2		Colin Randall	Les Wood	Graeme Silver	Gary Gibson	Andrew Hilton	David Emery
Sat 28 May	Winter Championship Heat 3		Chris Davey	Joan Williams	Ian Willmott	David McMillan	Brendan Knight	William Cook
Sat 4 Jun	Winter Handicap Heat 3		Jon Pulham	Brian Taylor	Graeme Silver	Peter Hilton	Sue Curlis-Smith	Robyn Primrose
Sat 11 Jun	Queens B'Day Weekend (No Racing)							
Sat 18 Jun	Championship Heat 4		Peter Naismith	Les Wood	Ian Willmott	Phil Brown	Andrew O'Connell	Any O'Connell

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 to help on Rescue or in the Tower also contact Chris:
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**NB. This program is to be used as a guide only.
 The official notice of race is on the race noticeboard.**