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We enjoyed putting this edition together and laughed out loud at Jon Pulham's report from the Canberra Pacer Nationals. We join Danny and the Impulse sail ors in congratulating Mike Howe on his presentation of a life membership award to the Impulse Association. We are excited to report a new racing series 'Champion of the Lake' and we are pleased to report that APYC will be hosting the Women's and Girl's Social Sailing at Albert Park Lake on Friday 31 March from 6pm – 8.30pm.

See you on the Lake
Chris and Liza



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Commodore's Comment by Paul Taig

Welcome back members from a well deserved Christmas break and hope you enjoyed what ever you planned for your time off. For some of our members the plan was to participate in their Yacht Class National Championships where ever they were in Australia. For my family we participated in the Pacer Class Titles in Canberra where when you're not sailing you are able to visit the Galleries and sights of Canberra. There will be more on National Titles under Class Reports.

The Sailing Season for 2017 started with the January Short Course Series where there was some close competition with the water level still high and weed becoming a problem. Thanks must go to those sailors that competed and the good race management for the 9 race series.

On the 5th February we had the Top of the Bay race held at Elwood SC we were represented with around 9 to 10 boats with 10 boats the requirement for a Club position in the overall results. So next year make sure you are a part of the Club members present with your boat or part of a crew, it's an opportunity for lake sailors to sail on the bay. Race Report- The weather before the start was looking good with the wind steadily increasing. The race was postponed for a while to allow for the shifting wind to steady. Then when the race was eventually started the wind dropped leaving some of us floundering on the start line. The wind was from then on being light and shifty to the point when on the last lap it dropped to nothing and the race management deciding to abandon the race. It was a frustrating day for all with the best part drinks in the bar and a good yarn. See you there next year

In late January our trainees started back at the Club with a refresher course and the following week starting Level 2 in our training Pacers most of them have past their LTS course finishing on the 4th March and I congratulate our Juniors & Seniors on their course result. Our next LTS course starts on 8th April those trainees who didn't complete the course can join in Level 2 of this course in May.

Labour Day long weekend has come and gone with some of our Members competing in the State Titles of their respective Class and I congratulate all those who participated in their Class Titles we had some good results and for those who didn't do so well keep practicing on the lake and ask for assistance if need be as I did in the State Pacer Titles. I competed in the Pacer State Titles with my recently re-named boat "Good Pace" with our newest Member Ehren Hyde we had sailed once on the lake together, but this time we were sailing 6 races over 2 days and using a spinnaker. On the first day our windward work was you could say at a Good Pace, but on the spinnaker legs we weren't so good dropping the spinnaker sheet under the boat time and again to the point that we didn't use the spinnaker on the last leg of the 3rd race which gave us placings of 8th, 7th & 11th on the first day. On shore we told a few competitors of our dramas with the spinnaker and were given some good advice for day 2. The next day we still had good pace to windward and had no major dramas with the spinnaker putting it up when ever needed with more confidence and giving us placings for day 2 of 7th, 10th & 6th. Not bad for a boat that I have had for 2 months with a forward hand who has been a member of the Club for 1 month and as a crew sailing together for approximately 8 hours all up. Thanks Ehren we can only get better results from now on then we do crew together and thanks to Ollie & Cherry for their shore support Ollie & cherry are new members who will be in our next LTS in April.

On the 4th of March after racing we held a special meeting to discuss Joint Sailing and the future of the Sailing Clubs at Albert Park. Positive discussion by members at the meeting lead to the moving of two motions. That we continue discussions with ASC on joint sailing and the second motion that we continue discussions with ASC on the future of the sailing clubs at Albert Park. Thank you members for your attendance and your input in discussion on these matters.

Enjoy Your Sailing.

Paul Taig.



Solo Report or the “Life of Brian” by Ray Wines

....with apologies to the Monty Python team, but I have been wanting to somehow include that title in my report as we are well into the Summer Championship and combined “Victoria State” titles. With Race 5 completed on February 25th. The standings are as follows with the two Brians fighting it out ... nip and tuck, cut and thrust, tack and gybe (you know what I mean)

Sail 2656 Blue Bear Brian Taylor (7 points)

Sail 2672 Han Brian Jones (9 points)

Sail 2698 Llamados Col Randall (12 points)

All goes well for an interesting finish with Col Randall, Grant Haggett bound to put added pressure on the two leaders waiting to for a mistake and ready to pounce while the rest of us watch from afar.

The weather has been kind to us over the past weeks with good but shifting winds and with individual starts for the Solos we have had great races.

I have included a very recent article posted in the **UK** by **Will Loy** an avid SOLO sailor and author which shows just how strong the Solo class is in England, Scotland and Holland for a design 60+ years (by Jack Holt); enjoy the read

“New SOLO boat sales are the envy of many UK single handed classes and with Winder Boats, [Ovington Boats](#), Boatyard at Beer, [P&B/Poulson](#), [Sailboats.co.uk](#) and Kevan Gosling Dinghy-craft, all producing very fast and attractive Solos, there is choice aplenty. Add to this a strong second hand market for those wanting to get into the class and a N.S.C.A membership of approximately 900 sailors and you have some idea of the difficulties newer classes have in breaking into this sector of the sport.

I continue to meet sailors from other classes, both established and new, who seem bemused by the National Solos grip in the UK. How does a dinghy, whose lines were created over 60 years ago, comparatively heavy at 70kgs and with a stayed aluminium mast still appeal to the modern sailor?

I could drone on for hours about the steady controlled development of the hull, materials and layup and the investment and support our professional builders have given. I could also elaborate on the role the sailmakers have played in rig innovation and the knowledge the pro sailors have openly shared with our members. I could also expand on the importance of grass root support from club sailors across the UK, who have stuck with the class in the face of some very strong alternate choices.

I would say that the sheer volume of choice that has diluted so many classes, increasing the size of menagerie fleets at the expense of one design class racing, is the one most important reason we race the National Solo. It seems ironic to me that while designers continue to chuck out the latest super fast, super light single hander they are just continuing to add more water to the broth.

Fortunately, with a history spanning over 6 decades and a committee of National Solo sailors we have a stable base, a product that still provides close competitive one design racing for lightweights, middleweights and heavyweights and a membership who choose quality of racing over fast food sailing. Dinghy sailing may be in decline but the National Solo seems to be bucking that trend and any single handed sailors confused by the dearth of choice could do worse than to try the Solo, there are a lot of us out there.”

Ray Wines – SOLO 2678

Green Fleet Racing Report by Jennifer Jaeger

It's been a quiet time for Green Racing as I've been the only one racing, so until we get some more Green Racer's, there will be no prize given at our Awards night. However I would like to encourage all those who have just finished the “Learn to Sail” course to start straightaway with Green Racing to make that prize of a lovely inscribed wine glass yours, and the achievement of knowing you are improving. Green Racers start with their class, so Sabres with the Sabres, Impulses with Impulses etc. so it's easier to learn the complexities of race starts. If you haven't got a boat then the club has Pacers, Sabres and Opti's which you can hire for a nominal fee. There are also several Sabres for sale at the club at the moment, I would suggest potential Green Racing members have a look, as the Sabre is an ideal dinghy for a beginner.

We are coming into the best time to sail on the lake with steady winds and mild weather. Consider Green Racing.

Impulse Report by Danny Marrinon

Welcome to 2017.

Over the Christmas break Phil Johnston and myself were the only two APYC members that made the trip to Talerbra at the northern end of Lake Macquarie, about 25 kms south west of Newcastle. It was hot with temperatures in the 40's at the start of the regatta, which had 49 entries. We just can't seem to crack it for 50 entries. Most of the racing was done in the afternoon when the breeze came in. Each session consisted of two races and we managed to get all the racing in with only a few delayed starts while we waited for the wind. Most sessions ended with a fantastic 15 to 20 minute reach which was almost worth the trip just for these rides. Once ashore the wind seemed to die. Don't know how they managed to turn the breeze on and off. The conditions themselves were interesting with large holes in the course and some big shifts. Paul Faralle from the sailing club likened it to Albert Park on steroids but with waves and a lot less weed. The event was won by Michael Brown from NSW for the seventh time with Mat Draper from Newhaven coming in third to be the highest placed Victorian. Myself in around 32nd as it took a while to adjust to the conditions. Phil did not have the best of regattas as the heat got to him at the start and then the heavy winds towards the end. Phil is adding more rules to his sailing not found in the Blue Book. One is don't go out in over 15 (knots) and a new one for this regatta don't go out in 35 (C°). Presentation night turned up a great honour for our Mike Howe who was presented with a life membership to the Impulse Association award via phone hook-up. This is a great recognition of Mike's work on the National committee for over fourteen years. I am sure Mike wished he was there but he had pulled out of the event a few weeks prior due to a hand injury. Everyone in the room wished they could have congratulated Mike in person. Well done Mike!

As mentioned in the last newsletter we can now welcome some new sailors to our fleet, Graham Cox has taken delivery of his new boat Live Wire and his son Harry has taken over Dragon Heart from Alyssa who is finding motherhood is getting in the way of dinghy sailing. Although I have seen Alyssa, Rowan and Jett (then 18 months) out on a Pacer just before Christmas.

Coming up on the Labour Day weekend we have our state titles at McCrae on the Mornington Peninsula. From all reports a nice place to sail with a few wind shifts from time to time due to Arthur's Seat lying in the back ground. Not sure on our clubs numbers at this stage so will report on this next OTL. If you need any details please give me a call. If any of our members are out for a drive over the long weekend you will be most welcome to drop in to say G'Day. See You in the Lake

Danny Marrinon
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Albert Park
4 March 2017
Photographs by
Jennifer Jaeger



Canberra Pacer Nationals 2016 / 17 by Jon Pulham



Lake Burley Griffin, Canberra - a sailing venue of extremes. Survivors of the 2001 Canberra Nationals still tell thrilling stories 16 years on of winds capable of picking up a Pacer and throwing it several metres; of Pacers scattered by ferocious winds washed up on the shores near various ACT attractions; of devilish whirlwinds spinning down Black Mountain and bestowing the 'fickle finger of fate' on hapless bedraggled sailors while leaving others untouched.

Those Pacer sailors who recovered by the time the 2011 Canberra nationals were held were not well prepared for the complete contrast dished up by the great lake. The sun reflecting in the pristine mirror-like, deadpan flat surface of the lake sent many a poor sailor mad. A three time na-

tional champion forgot how to sail and was lapped by the fleet. A certain Pursuit begging the gods for a bit of wind became the only boat to capsize the entire series when presented with a gentle breeze. Many of those who escaped with their mental faculties intact swore never to sail there again but were struck with severe amnesia and actually entered the 2016 series.

So what would we get in 2016? The physical hammering of 2001 or the psychological battering of 2011? Well you would not have believed it - it was straight down the middle - we had perfect sailing conditions, 10 to 15 knots every day!

Now, I'm going to have to be very careful here. As some of you know I am a member of two clubs, Beaumaris Y.C. and Albert Park Y.C. As I am writing this article for the two separate club newsletters I shall try not to favour one over the other. (What's that? I should just write two separate articles? Do you know how much effort it takes? Who do you think I am, Shakespeare? Most people don't even write anything so be grateful you're getting this one from me!) (Note to editors - you can thank me later for the heap of contributions you'll get next issue).

The fleet numbered only 13 this year, with 10 Pacers and 3 Pursuits. The numbers were a little disappointing (though unsurprising given past Canberra history, see above) but happily both Beaumaris and Albert Park were strongly represented with 5 boats each. 3 Canberra boats, a South Australian and Darren from Parkdale walk into a bar... sorry!, comprised the rest of the fleet. Keen eyed mathematicians will at first be puzzled by the numbers not appearing to add up, but Jon Pulham and Geoff Wood were members of both Beaumaris and Albert Park so are counted twice! Got you there didn't I?

To the great amusement of the Beaumaris sailors and the embarrassment of Albert Park, Graeme Cox sailing with daughter Sophie (henceforth known as the Champion Crew) in the Pursuit set a new record for the fastest capsize, tipping over 4.58 seconds after the first start, smashing the previous record by 6 seconds. (Actually the Albert Park sailors were also rather amused and not at all embarrassed).

The 3 Pursuits (all Albert Park crews) were a colourful bunch on the water, whether racing in a tight knit pack or touring the National Capital, proving beyond a doubt that the bridges over the lake were built just high enough to accommodate the height of a Pursuit mast. What remarkable foresight the architects of Canberra had!

The prestigious title of Captains of the Swimming Team was presented to Harry Cox and Lisa Taig in the Pursuit. They were clear winners on both quality (length of time in the lake) and quantity (the record keepers lost count). Harry also did a fine job of single handedly steering the boat back to rescue mum Collette who he threw overboard for some reason. Previous experience on Lake Burley Griffin was not enough to help Chris Pulham and Paul Taig win the Pursuit title. Despite the early swim Graeme with his Champion Crew won the series. Instead of the trophy they were presented with a spanner to undo the bolts fastening said trophy to Jon's bookshelf after the former champ got a little too attached to it. (It's now bolted firmly to the Cox family dining table).

To the Beaumaris contingent now... Is there some truth to the rumour of a titles curse? Phil and Janette Connard were unable to break it if so, though they did tire themselves out winning their division in a challenging Cock of the Bay in Melbourne on Boxing Day. Nicole Jenvey had fun in a borrowed boat with local Bruce Grey as crew providing navigational assistance. Nicole only discovered she had a ratchet block on the mainsheet on the final day. It will be the first thing she checks if she borrows a boat again...

The Pacers enjoyed some close racing, with 4 different race winners over the series. Adam Kohler and son Reiley from South Australia showed you don't necessarily have to have a spinnaker to do it, winning one of the early races. Ron from Canberra almost won a couple without not only a spinnaker but minus a crew as well. Canberra locals Eamon Grey and crew Joseph McCauley sailed well to win the Junior title from Eamon's sister Orla.

Those with a foot in both the BYC and APYC camps did well. Geoff Wood with daughters Skye and Isabella in their first Pacer Nationals won the last race to secure second overall, and Jon Pulham with aunt Jackie White finished third (the only ones roughing it in *tents* the poor sods). Peter Kemp with daughters Lauren and Eliza showed their class with great consistency in the shifty lake winds, winning the series for Beaumaris. (Sorry Albert Park, there's no equaling that). Perhaps the Kemps would like to become members of APYC as well?!



Sabre Report by David Emery

In the December issue of "On The Lake" Danny Marrinon was lamenting the small number of Impulses sailing. It seems that it has been the turn of the Sabres to go into hibernation, as there have been very few starters from our Yacht Club over the summer months. Perhaps it is the weed, as the Sabre foils seem specifically designed to gather significant volumes in very short time, which, combined with a relatively small sail results in major frustration in light wind especially. Perhaps if a sabre State Championship could be arranged on the lake, the usual fleet of 50 plus boats could have the whole lake cleared. But the season has not been without its moments, with Jenny Jaeger memorably claiming the Green Fleet trophy in Ankh-or, and an increasing tendency for the Sabres from both lakeside clubs to treat races as a combined competition. It has also been good to see the boats of Chris Mankiewicz and Darryl Larcombe dusted off recently - it would be great to see more of them, and with Mark Ashkanasy having shouted himself a new boat his nicely set up "Imbi" is now there as an opportunity for someone to buy a boat that has proven itself competitive on the lake.



Both the National and State titles have been held during the summer months, the Nationals at Black Rock with a smaller than usual fleet of around 60 boats, while a similar number competed in the States at Somers. Conditions at both events were challenging, with you correspondent deciding discretion was the better part of valour after abandoned races and delayed starts resulted in over four hours on the water without completing a race. It was all good experience however, and certainly resulted in increased respect for those who persisted with the series.

Upcoming events for the Sabre specific include a teams racing event at Mordialloc on 18th March, and a series of training days at Black Rock starting 6th May. These Black Rock events are always well attended, and take the form of an on-shore training session in the morning with coaching on the water in the afternoon. Highly recommended.

David Emery Sabre 2083

Renaming Ceremony 25th February 2017 by Roy Williams

Everyone knows that the Welsh discovered America before Columbus, well before the Vikings, and most certainly before the English. Before the Welsh sailors departed on their voyages of discovery the local Druid would have to rename all the boats we pinched from the English, as you can imagine the Druids were kept pretty busy !..

Now you may well ask yourself how it was the Druids invoked the Greek God Poseidon instead of their own God LLYR. It all goes back to the day when a mysterious Greek sailor was washed ashore on Barry beach his name was Jason and he had with him a Golden fleece, well the way it is with the Welsh and sheep, anyone showing up in a golden fleece would be proclaimed head Druid of the Welsh Lamb branch who had the honour of renaming the boats nicked from the English, now don't feel sorry for the English, they stole our Castles so we nicked their boats fair swap , you can't go sailing in a Castle can you!.

Now the reason for the ceremony.,

According to legend every vessel is recorded by name in the "Ledger of the Deep" and is known personally to Poseidon therefore to change a boats name without consulting Poseidon is to invoke his wrath, with one exception and that is to have the name of a dragon on your boat Poseidon likes Dragons. During the ceremony the old name of the boat has to be removed and discarded into the black bag of corruption, then you have to call Poseidon to take into his records and recollection the worthy vessels new name and to ask for his protection to guard her with his mighty arm and trident, and afford her safe and rapid passage through his realm.

The next step is to appease the Gods of the four winds and ask for fair winds and smooth seas, God of the North wind, Great Boreas, God of the West wind, Great Zephyrus. God of the East wind, Great Eurus. God of the South wind Notus, of each God you ask that you may are granted permission to use his mighty powers in the pursuit of our lawful endeavours, ever sparing us of your mighty breath, taking into account the Frigid wind from the South, and the Scalding wind from the North. If at the end of the ceremony there is no sign of Godly anger we can assume that Poseidon is well pleased.



Boat Renaming Ceremony
Photographs by
Chris Markiewicz



Australia Day Weekend at Inverloch by Jennifer Jaeger

Last Australia day weekend, (28-30th January) I was very lucky to attend and participate in the Classic Wooden Dinghy Regatta at Inverloch in Gippsland. It was lovely to rock up and see, APYC members Phil, Graham and son, Harry and Jim French and his whole family, with attendant Moth's. It was also great to meet a few old friends of my Dad from the Land Rover Club of Victoria, who also are involved in dinghy sailing.

The Inverloch Yacht Club, gave us all a great welcome and I must say the organization at the club was fabulous for such a small club of only 40 members, food, dinner, events, merchandise and prizes all first rate. Getting the boats down the steep concrete ramp to the beach with an old Massey Ferguson tractor and a Quad bike was almost like a military exercise its efficiency.

Over three days there was a fun cruise across the inlet on the first day, an afternoon race on the second day, where I got to go out with George Sutherland on the maiden cruise of his Fulman Dinghy, "Mooltan". Sailed with a scratch, off the beach crew who had never met, she went very well and I think we placed in our class. I was surprised to find that I was sitting next to a guy who knew my family in Oakleigh in the 70's, he was our local pharmacist then! It's a small world and you never know who'll you will meet and in what circumstances.

It was obvious that sailing in the inlet was totally different from our lake, exhilarating yes; but watch out for the shallows and shifting sands, several boats got stuck trying to get an advantage over their opponents.

The Moths, Sabres, Pacers, Impulses were all out, with a good group of Moths from APYC. Jim's, foil Moth drew much admiration from the crowd on the cliffs. On the third morning was a static display with Prizes for best restored boat, best un-restored/garage find, and crowd favourite. The garage find had been found buried in sand up at Lakes Entrance and had odd rigging and the wrong sail and almost sank sailing; but the owner was having a ball.

There was also a wonderful display in the town hall of dinghies which no longer sail and some wonderful Classic Indian Motorcycles. A full report can be found on the clubs website,

www.woodenboat.asn.au/27-news/latest/214-inverloch-classic-wooden-dinghy-regatta-25-27-january.html

In all a very fun, interesting weekend, it was wonderful to see the Inverloch YC put together such a large event in such a small but vibrant community. I'll be back next year for sure.



Ogo Returns.... by Danny Marrinon

As the members who come down to the club during the handicap series would know there is a few members who have decided that the Scow Moth would be a good thing to race. As the Moth can be anything from our restored original "Olive" to a high tec carbon foiling model using our handicap system seems to be the best way to have a series where the results can be a little bit fairer. My boat in particular has wings which according to some really aren't the best thing for the lake no matter how much fun they are when the conditions on the lake suit. But I just cannot come to removing them as it is the boat. So I have been keeping an eye out for an older model without wings.

This brings us to one day after sailing while enjoying an Australian Taco (sausage in bread with sauce) one of our members came up to me and mention that someone called Audrey Orr had phoned the club and was wanting to get rid of an old Moth that had APYC on the deck and would I know of anyone who would want it. So off I went home with Audrey's number in hand thinking I might give her a call on Sunday. No sooner had I walked in the door and my daughter Alyssa was on the phone from Phillip Island telling me about the same boat that was on Facebook. Time for a decision Dan. Quick call to Audrey and the story was that the boat was purchased from a doctor at APYC some 30 to 40 years ago by her now deceased husband who had not used it for 30 odd years and it was clean up time. Sunday morning came and on goes the trailer to meet up with Audrey. There she was "Ogo" sitting on the front lawn all yours if you want her. Another quick decision - too right I take her. It was nearly all there down to a set of cane battens. We even found a rudder and some spare blades that have come from a Paper Tiger. Onto the trailer and home.

This is where it got interesting and I don't mean the part where Annette said "what are you going to do with that?" Sail it what do you reckon? Time to rig Ogo up for few photos which I emailed to Chris Davey. I figured that if anyone in the club would know the history of Ogo it would be him. Turns out she was built by his brother Derek circa 1969 and he sold it about 1977 which'd fitted in with Audrey's chain of events. What now for Ogo? Already had her out on the lake just before Christmas and it's a joy to sail even dare I say it quite forgiving. So keep an eye out for OGO, and thank you to Audrey and the Orr family for not putting Ogo in the rubbish skip.

See You in the Lake

Danny Marrinon

Ogo KA3288



VALE George Warr, 19/11/1922 to 7/2/2017

by **Geoff Kirkham Sheree Doran and Peter Naismith**



Funeral with Military Honours held at Templestowe Cemetery on the 14th February.

Representing Albert Park Yacht Club were Geoff and Beth Kirkham, Peter and Pauline Naismith and Anita Weller

George came to Albert Park Yacht Club possibly in the early 1980's and endeared himself in friendship with members and his ability to fix anything. He took over the job of making and/or repairing the buoy marker and starter flags. He also made sister clips which are still in use today on the Club House flag pole. Prior to 1987 Albert Sailing Club started their race at 2.30 and Albert Park Yacht Club at 2.45. In consultation with the Commodore of ASC, it was arranged for a combined start with 2 members of each club on the start boat at 2.30pm. George was the permanent starter for the combined clubs.

George was the first volunteer to be awarded the Albert Park Yacht Club Distinguished Service Award in 1993.

It was an honour to work with George during my term as Commodore 1986-1989.

Geoff Kirkham

Notes from Sheree Doran, Georges' eldest of two daughters.

It was so nice to see the Yacht Club represented at George's funeral. Three Commodores, pretty good.

In his own hand writing are the words....."My association with the Albert Park Yacht Club was the most rewarding 10 years of my retirement."

George loved his time there. He loved watching the children grow in confidence and ability. He used his time during the week making and sewing flags for the club, or busy in his workshop making locks, or shaping metal for something at the club. He was asked to join the committee but declined. He was happier working behind the scenes, doing whatever was necessary to help the club."

Sheree Doran

I have known George for over 40 years, and have always been best of friends with his 2 daughters, Sheree and Julie. My memories are therefore deeper than his association with APYC, but he was a great influence at the club and would regularly teach sailors the correct use of flags in racing and was regarded as an expert with his knowledge in this area.

All members and particularly junior members benefited from his caring nature and happy disposition and his memory lives on. Anita was regularly rescued by George in her early years of sailing and it was comforting to know that there was always someone watching over her. Volunteers are the life blood of our club and the contribution George made was outstanding.

Thanks George.

Peter Naismith



Albert Park Yacht Club extends our condolences to Ron Parker and his family on the death of his mother on February 1st

FEM Shield

Donald Stevens, JP, retired school teacher, of Highett, who sailed yachts at the APYC in the twenties, has filled in some gaps in our history. In 1978 he wrote an account of the story behind the "FEM" Shield.

He remembers there was a post-war resurgence in the Club with an influx of new members. The clubhouse and boatshed were repainted, lawns brought back from dereliction and the ground dug and flowers planted; Robert H. Stevens of South Melbourne, official handicapper, did the gardening work. In the process he discovered pieces of copper plate left from the ashes of burnt boats. The Club had then been going about 50 years. Being a turner and fitter by trade, Bob Stevens made from these pieces a wonderful model yacht about 8 inches long with a beam of 3 inches, complete with copper spars and rigging. The corrosion and effect of the fire gave it an attractive patina. This model yacht was used to surmount a frame within which was placed a shield, the object being to produce a trophy in memory of his daughter, Florence Ethel May, who died from diphtheria as a child of 4 years in 1907. A photo of young Florence was added to the frame. So the "FEM" Shield was created.

The "FEM" Shield was first contested on 6 December 1924 and was won by Ernie Cooper.



Let's do the right thing by APYC

A \$100K appeal to sharpen our Club

The General Committee encourages the members and friends of APYC to donate to a special development fund to upgrade existing infrastructure and extend our facilities. A new training room, work shed, external and internal painting, Port Lounge floor and re-roofing the sheds all need addressing.

PLEASE TICK THE RELEVANT SECTIONS

My Donation: \$50 \$200 Other

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Waranga

Easter 2017

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
Rushworth.



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. Rushworth market Sat.



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.

March 14-17th, some stay longer.

Chris will be there from 11th – 18th

For more information contact Chris Pulham:

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Invitation to WBA Club Night at APYC (Upper Hall)

Wednesday 17 May 2017, 07:30pm - 09:00pm

APYC members are cordially invited to the Wooden Boat Association's Club Night featuring a presentation from Floataboat.

Adrian and Rhonda Brewer operate the model boat business Floataboat in Ringwood. They will share their journey in reaching the position they are now in, and recount the many interesting and intriguing situations met along the way. Promises to be a great night - but beware!!! You may go home with model building fever!! Join us for a light supper afterwards.

“Champion Of The Lake” Series

6 short course races

Between APYC and ASC sailors

3 on Saturday 8th April (in conjunction with Summer Handicap Heat 8 and Summer Championship Heat 9); starting 14:00

All APYC sailors are going down to ASC after sailing for ‘drinks & a sausage’

3 on Saturday 22nd April (in conjunction with Summer Handicap Heat 9 and Summer Championship Heat 10); starting 14:00

All ASC sailors are coming down to APYC after sailing for ‘drinks & a sausage’

Overall senior champion prizes of 1st, 2nd and 3rd

Also individual class/division winners, with trophies for junior classes.

Based on following formula per class:

<3 Boats – nil prize

3-4 boats – 1st place

5-7boats – 1st, & 2nd place

8 or more – 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place

Also a best improved/encouragement award will be provided.

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Galley

Many thanks for your stories and hard work in the Galley over the past months. Please let Pam or Jackie know if there are any changes or if you would like to volunteer.
(0488752285 or 0419187140)


18 March	Race Day	Jackie and Pam
1 April	Race Day	Rhonda and Jackie
8 April	Race Day	Pam and Jackie
22 April	Race Day	Carol and Rhonda
29 April	Race Day	Annette and Pam
6 May	Race Day	Jackie and Annette
13 May	Race Day	Annette and Carol

APYC Duty Roster and Calendar






- Indicates APYC Start Boat

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

Date	Event	Start	Race Off.	Duty Off.	Resc. 1	Crew	Resc. 2	Crew
Sat 18 March	Summer Championship Heat 7 - 14:30		Danny Marrinon	Rob Allen, Gerd Beier	Mark Ashkanasy	Ehren Hyde	Graeme Silver	James Stewart
Sat 25 March	Grand Prix (23 - 26 March)		Grand Prix Regatta					
Sun 26 March	Grand Prix (23 - 26 March)		Grand Prix Regatta					
Sat 1 April	Summer Handicap Heat 8 - 14:30		Colin Randall	Les Wood, Geoff Kirkham	Jon Pulham	Lisa Taig	Peter Whitaker	Darryl Larcombe

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

Date	Event	Start	Race Off.	Duty Off.	Resc. 1	Crew	Resc. 2	Crew
Sat 8 April	Summer Championship Heat 8 - 14:00 Summer Handicap Heat 9 "Champion of the Lake" Day 1		Robyn Primrose	Joan & Roy Wil- liams	Rob Pulham	David McMillan	Jenny Dixon	Liza Taylor
Sat 15 April	EASTER		Easter Weekend - No sailing					
Sat 22 April	Summer Championship Heat 9 - 14:00 Summer Handicap Heat 10 "Champion of the Lake" Day 2		Chris Davey	Geoff Kirkham, Les Wood	Patrick Meehan	Anne- Maree Meehan	Graeme Silver	Chris Markiewicz
Sun 23 April	Sunday Social Sailing		SUNDAY SOCIAL SAILING					
Sat 29 April	Rowing Regatta WORKING BEE Commodore's Racing		Paul Taig	Rowing Regatta - WORKING BEE followed by Commodore's Racing				
Sat 6 May	Winter Championship Heat 1 - 14:00		Peter Whitaker	Les Wood, Geoff Kirkham	Ross Mulcahy	Peter Fuller	Grant Haggett	Jill Stow
Sat 13 May	Winter Handicap Heat 1 - 14:00		Mike Howell	Chris Pulham, Geoff Kirkham, Anne Wells	Carol Milligan	Brian Taylor	Graeme Cox	James Stewart
Sat 20 May	Winter Championship Heat 2 - 14:00		Jon Pulham	Keith Ives, Les Wood	Graeme Silver	Russell Lucas	Colin Randall	Glen Currie
Sat 27 may	Winter Handicap Heat 2 - 14:00		Ron Parker	Geoff Kirkham, Peter Game, Keith Ives	Jennifer Jaeger	Phil Dowman	Ray Wines	Alex Dowman
Sun 28 May	Sunday Social Sailing		SUNDAY SOCIAL SAILING					
Sat 3 June	Winter Championship Heat 3 - 14:00		Robyn Primrose	Les Wood, Norma Watt	Ray Richards	Richard Darby		
Sat 10 June	Queen's Birthday Weekend		Queen's Birthday Weekend - No Racing					

If it is the ASC start boat, the skipper & crew of APYC rescue boat number 2 should bring their sailing gear as we only need to supply one APYC rescue boat IF CONDITIONS PERMIT and our RO SUNDAY SO-