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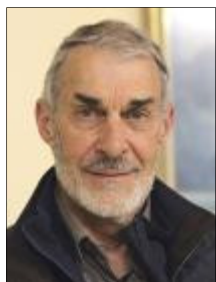
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From On The Lake Editors



We hope you enjoy this May edition of On The Lake. There are a number of highlights, Danny's Impulse Report about sailing on Lake Fyans over the March Labour Day weekend, the Club's nomination of Ann Wells as Local Hero for Women and Girls in Sailing and David's article on the Brendan Voyage. We hope these articles inspire you with your sailing, with your reading and with your future contributions to On The Lake. Thank you to all our contributors. See you on the lake and at the summer presentation night Saturday June 20th.
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Commodore's Comment by Peter Whitaker

A warm welcome to new members and the kayakers who have joined the club in recent months. We hope you find this a good base to sail, kayak and enjoy some camaraderie.

I'm unshameably proud of our club. It's the third oldest sailing club in Victoria, it led the way with sailability, is well represented in sailing regattas, caters for a range of sailors, runs some important regattas, and, in these times where most clubs are struggling with membership numbers, we still get a steady stream of new members.

But we are branching out and we have welcomed a group of kayakers who will use our club as a base for their training. Craig Pickett and Kieran Dews are the lead coaches. I understand this to be an elite group of kayakers training for the high end of the sport. They will be at the club early in the morning – their normal training time. If you come across them introduce yourself and welcome them.

The first port-of-call for new members' after registering is the Learn-2-Sail course, where Paul Taig, Jon Pulham and Alison Bishop introduce new sailors to sailing. This is an experience in itself as we encounter wind, sail and water and begin to work in harmony with these elements. It certainly gives me great pleasure to see people develop their sailing skills and a few laughs along the way, too.

Recently we successfully ran the inaugural Victorian Team Racing Championship under the leadership of the designated Race Officer, Chris Davey, and his team. Six teams entered and they contested the title over a full day's racing on the lake. (See the results in this edition.)

My pride in this club tells me we should always look to do the right thing for APYC. *Doing the right thing for APYC* includes, amongst all the routine things that take place, maintaining the quality of the building. As you can see we are already working on this. Our new lift, which it seems everyone loves, has opened up the foyer. Now the foyer has a got a fresh coat of paint. The committee plans to do more and we will be inviting members to help facilitate this important maintenance and upgrade programme over the next few years.

Peter Whitaker



Photographs by
Liza Taylor

Impulse Report by Danny Marrinon

The winter series is now upon us and our Club sailors are proving to be like our Melbourne weather. The first race of the winter series saw a dozen Impulses hit the start line then the following week when the breeze was up only two! All the classes were down on numbers so after speaking with the club captain he is contemplating putting forward a proposal to the committee that we have a working bee every week as this seems to get our sailors down to the club. For those of you with dusty boats winter is a time when we can get the best sailing conditions and remember a hot shower is not that far away if it gets too much. It always amazes me that when I mention to other interstate sailors that we sail through winter they think we are mad. I exclude Tasmania because they are mad and do sail in mid-winter. Over the March Labour Day long weekend seven APYC impulse sailors and their respective support crews travel to Lake Fyans near Stawell for the State championship series. This lake with the Grampians in the back ground is an interesting spot to sail. Our club was not the most represented for a first time in a long time with Rhyll Yacht Club sending nine boats. All in all there were forty six entries which made for interesting starts and tricky mark rounding's. The winner for this year was John Gibson from Williamstown. Jonathan Pulham was the best placed from our club with a fourth overall and taking out first in the senior division in *En Bateau*. Peter Whitaker was sailing *Hot Chilli* and seemed to have a target on him, the joys of a bigger fleet people come at you from all directions. Philip Cook took out first Junior in *The King* and at the other end of the age bracket was Mike Howell in *Mad Dog* in the Great Grand Masters. With these sorts of results and numbers it looks like our national championships at Paynesville should be well attended. For those who have not got an impulse and would like to get in on the action please let me know and we will see what we can do. For those with dusty Impulses in the shed you are missing out on some great sailing. If I may paraphrase a commercial on television says "A boat in the shed is safe but that is not what boats are made for".

See You in the Lake
Danny Marrinon
626 Whykickamooow



Impulse State Championship
Series Lake Fyans Victoria

VICTORIAN TEAM RACING CHAMPIONSHIP 2015

was hosted by APYC on 18th April 2015.

The following six team entered and their order of finishing was:

Champions	Team Danger Zone
	Team Gowan
	Team Sly
	Team Monash
	Team St Michael's A
	Team St Michael's B

Thank you for all officials that made this a successful event and a big thank you to the teams who provided some very close and exciting racing.

WINTERSAIL 2015 will be held as usual on the second weekend of July – from Friday 10th to Sunday 12 inclusive. As usual we will be relying on club volunteers staff this important coaching 'regatta' in our calendar.

APYC Local Hero Anne Wells

Yachting Victoria has accepted our nomination of Anne Wells as our Local Hero for Women and Girls in Sailing. Ann has responded, *"I feel I have great support from the club and feel very safe and comfortable. Albert Park Yacht Club has a warm feeling about it and I wouldn't want to be part of any other club. I feel very honoured that the committee feels that I am worthy of the Local Hero Award"*



Anne Wells joined the APYC in 2012 and was totally new to sailing. She undertook a Learn to Sail program and then the Learn to Race and joined in the club's fleet racing, absolutely loving it as she learned the ways of racing on the lake. Anne suffers from Epilepsy and so has to be very careful out on the water. The rescue crew (and other sailors) always keep an eye open for any problems, erratic sailing, or capsize. However between Anne's great perseverance and her determination, she gets her Sabre out in most winds (up to moderate).

Anne is an inspiration to all "newbies" and shows everyone that sailing can be enjoyed at all levels; not everyone has to aspire to any elite level to enjoy good, club fleet racing. Anne hopes people will question their limitations and take on something fresh and new.

APYC believes that Anne is worth of this recognition as she completely embodies the spirit of this award.

Mutiny in the Pursuit by Graeme Cox



Lookout Mike,
a future Fred
Astaire in the
making

Breaking News:

Saturday May 16th started off as a pleasant Saturday morning, the birds were singing, the sun was shining, and a light breeze had sprung up, so it looked a good day to go sailing on the Lake. Then tragedy struck the Crew announced 'MUTINY' "no sailing today I have better things to do today" WHAT??? I asked, 'Yes Dad I'm off to a Deb Ball so won't be sailing with you today'. I couldn't believe it my son choosing to partner a young lady to a Deb Ball and not wanting to sail with me, well after the initial shock I did a little research to discover dancing lessons had been underway for some weeks and the evening attire had been measured, adjusted and ready to wear. That was that the Pursuit stayed in the boat shed and I was summoned to witness the event that evening. On reflection I blame myself for this major interruption to our sailing season, when educating my son in the priorities of life I should have been clearer that *NOTHING* stands in the way of a Saturday afternoon sailing OTL.

APYC Welcomes the following New Members

APYC warmly welcomes the following new members:

Richard Darby (Senior)
Joseph Aberline-Ferguson (Junior Winter)
Tony O'Neil (Senior, ex ASC)
James Stewart (Senior, ex Lane Cove 12'SSC)
Jake Phillips (Winter Senior)
Gerard Magner (Winter Senior)
Andre Vanderwert (Winter Senior)
Graeme Fisher (Winter Family)
Kieran Dews (Kayak Member)

Trophy Winners for the 2014/2015 Summer Season

See you all at the Presentation Night on Saturday June 20th

2014/2015 Summer Championship

Impulse

1st Jon Pulham "Hot Chili"
2nd Ross Mulcahy "Hot Mocha"
3rd Danny Marrinon "Whykickamoocow"

Sabre

1st Paul Taig "Triple A2"
2nd Gerd Beier "Beatrice Too"
3rd David Emery "Beech Baby"

Solo

1st Grant Haggett "Touch N'Go"
2nd Brian Taylor "Blue Bear"

2014/2015 Summer Handicap

Impulse

1st Peter Whitaker "En Bateau"
2nd Rob Allen "Plumbob"
3rd Brian Jones "SLAMS"

Solo

1st Ian Kirkham "Innaminka"
2nd Ray Wines "Solstice"

WARANGA WORRIES

Well Easter has come and gone again, for one old sailor it was his 36th Easter at Waranga Basin.

The advance party set up camp and established contact with the natives on Monday, organised wood and fireplace and had a couple of peaceful days before the hordes arrived.



At one time the whole of the Pulham clan were in camp. We had six boats and a number of canoes so there was plenty of craft for all who wanted to be on the water, also several 4WD's for those desperate to go bush, I forget her name now.

It was interesting to find that one of our members still believes in the medieval practice of 'Trepanning' (you will have to Google it if you don't know what it is) however it should not be self administered, although evidence suggests it can help in spotting small mammals while speeding to Shepparton Base with a suspected vision impaired driver.



We had no golf this year but did have various other games, cricket, boules and board games, oh yes, Vietnam chess champion defeated by Aussie wood pusher!!



Jim managed 22 knots on his scow hydrofoil in a failing breeze, plenty of potential yet. Someone actually slept in the highly camouflaged swag but we had to keep cars either side to protect the occupant from being run over. Our chef decided to cook something we could all eat without having to run to the ablution block every 10 mins, and surprised even himself with a fantastic rice pudding, you can make that again chef. We all visited the Rushworth heritage market on Saturday, and guess who came away with another chook?

A good time was had by all.

Some names omitted to save embarrassment.

If the reader finds more questions than answers in this article, then maybe they should come along next Easter.

Camp Master

Learn to Sail Training Dates 2015

The dates for the last two learn to sail courses for this year are:

Learn to Sail 1 & 2 - Sat 25 July - 3 October,

and Learn to Sail 1 - Sat 7 November 12 Dec
with level 2 to commence in new year.

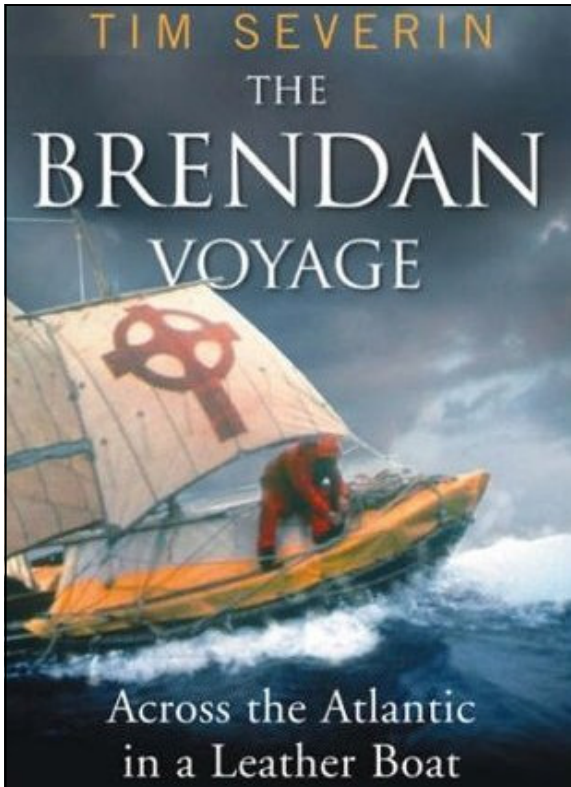
Lessons are 9:30 - 12:30

If there's any other information you need just ask me or Ray.

Thanks,
Jonathan



The Brendan Voyage by David McMillan



The Irish are renowned for their storytelling and have produced many great writers, Joyce, Behan, and Swift, to name a few. One well known Irish writer is C.S. Lewis author of The Chronicles of Narnia fame. The Voyage of The Dawn Treader is one of perhaps, dare I say it, the less well known of the series, although there have been dramatizations both on TV and in the cinema.

An even lesser known aspect of The Voyage of the Dawn Treader, is that it is written in the style of an immram. The immrama are a style of Irish storytelling with a long and distinguished history, dating back at least to the 8th Century and quite probably earlier. This style of storytelling tends to follow the exploits of a hero that sets forth on a journey, usually a sea voyage, in search of 'the otherworld'. Traditionally the hero is in search of a utopia, be it the land of the Gods, a fairyland, or some kind of Christian paradise. Lewis is criticised in some quarters, perhaps most notably by the author Phillip Pullman (The Golden Compass) for the covert use of Christian symbolism and themes in his work.

That the Voyage of the Dawn Treader is written in the style of an immrama tends to support the notion that Christian themes are indeed subtly embedded in Lewis' books.

Preceding the 'Christian' immrama style was an ancient form that was pagan in nature (this of course before the

arrival of Christian monks in Ireland), this form was the 'echtrae' or adventure story, similar in style but without the Christian proselytising. If you are interested in this type of story a rather more secular, if not downright socialist reworking is the book 'Penguin Island' by Anatole France, that tells of an aged monk who, virtually blind, baptises a group of penguins who then go on to form a society, thus allowing France to riff, via allegory, on the society of the early 1900's, and rather presciently, forecasting a future technological culture that is brought down by terrorist bombings.

One of the many classic tales that dates back at least to the 8th century, but quite probably older by at least a hundred years is the Latin text the 'Navigatio'. The Navigatio, told in the immram style, is the story of the monk Brendan, later Saint Brendan, and his fantastical and improbable journey to the 'otherworld'. Long regarded as a fanciful tale the story was revisited in 1976 by the adventurer/historian Tim Severin.

In a previous issue of 'On the Lake' I wrote of the classic seafaring tale 'Two years Before the Mast'. There has been a bit of interest as a result and I have been offered other books to read. 'The Brendan Voyage' (Tim Severin) was given to me by Keith Ives, who was about to give it to the second-hand bookstore. I'm glad he didn't as the book is now doing the rounds of APYC members interested in this type of literature.

There is an episode of Seinfeld in which Jerry buys a very expensive suede jacket. The jacket is reversible but the lining is pink and white satin stripes, something like a jockey's colours. The first time he wears it is to a dinner with Elaine's father, an overbearing 'man's man' with a military background. Jerry and George suffer an excruciating time in the restaurant in the company of this man, waiting for Elaine who is late. As they are leaving the restaurant it begins to rain heavily. Jerry is conflicted. If he wears the jacket in the rain it will be ruined, if he wears it inside out his reputation with Elaine's father will be irrevocably damaged. He wears the jacket suede out and it is ruined.

I mention this simply because leather and water tend not to be a good combination. Whenever I buy new leather boots or shoes I always give them a coat of 'dubbin' to protect the leather from water damage. Given this, can you imagine that a boat made of leather stretched over a timber frame could possibly cross from the British Isles on the 'stepping stone', island hopping route to the Americas? And that this could have been done by a group of medieval monks in the 7th Century, almost 1000 years before Columbus?

Tim Severin is a British explorer, historian, sailor and writer (wouldn't you love to list those as your occupations?). He is known for his retracing of a number of historical voyages including those of Marco Polo, Sinbad, Jason and the Argonauts, and Ulysses to name a few. He also writes fiction, including the 'Viking' and 'Saxon' series. The 2013 cinema release of the Kon Tiki expedition reminded us of the challenges faced by Thor Heyerdhal crossing the Pacific in a raft. The Brendan Voyage has some similarities but in a far more hostile climate, that of the North Atlantic.

The book begins with an exciting, suspenseful description of a storm at sea, the small leather boat and a crew of five battling the elements, without a keel and at the mercy of the wind and waves. Heady stuff, and a great introduction to the story that unfolds. You have to love a story that begins with a storm at sea!

The descriptions of the journey and the travails encountered are presented in a highly readable and engaging style. Notwithstanding, it was the process of building the boat that I found particularly intriguing. In an effort to be as authentic as possible in the pursuit of the quest, Severin researches and tracks down experts in craftsmanship including curragh boat-building (the frame), tanning and hide selection (the leather) and timber experts (the frame and mast). He uncovers some remarkable 'old world' skills and knowledge that sadly are at risk of becoming slowly extinct with the march of time. The level of enthusiasm, generosity and support he is able to inspire is amazing. Clearly he must have 'sold' his vision in a way that piqued the imagination of those who helped out in building this remarkable vessel.

The Brendan Voyage is a highly recommended read. If you would like to borrow the 'club copy', let me know.

David McMillan

SUMMER PRESENTATION TRIVIA QUIZ

June 20 6:30pm

Saturday June 20 at 6.30pm

\$12 per adult

\$10 children (under 14)

MENU

*Mixed assortment of casseroles
with rice pasta or mashed potatoes
Dessert*

Please let Anne know if you are attending. Vegetarian and other dietary needs can be catered for – just let Anne know when booking.

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Coaching for Green Fleet Sailors

Many recognise the challenges facing new sailors after they have completed their training and start to join the racing on the lake. The Green Fleet is one solution to assist these sailors and now the club has instituted a series of coaching sessions for green fleet sailors.

Dougal Watt has commenced a series of coaching sessions for new - to - racing sailors. Dougal is a former Impulse National Champion (2009) and has sailed Lasers competitively at international level. He has been a member of APYC since he was a kid and has sailed almost any type of boat you can think of. He has a great knowledge and love for sailing which he is happy to share with others.

The first session was held on Saturday 16th May at 10.30am on a clear and sunny Saturday in May with Zoe Baranowski, Ann Wells, Simone Hoey, Lisa Taig, Jennifer Jaeger, Tonia Chapman and Liza Taylor all delighted to be given this opportunity to improve their racing skills.

Dougal will continue this coaching for the remainder of the year on the following dates:

30th May
11th July
1st August
5th September
26th September

Photographs by
Liza Taylor



APYC Functions Coordinator Report

by **Zoe Baranowski**

Members may be interested to know that the Albert Park Yacht Club is the venue for Cliff Ellery's Albert Park Yacht Club Concert Series and that each year there is a varied and interesting line up of local and international musicians.

Albert Park Yacht Club Concert Series 2015

Fri 12 June Greg Champion www.gregchampion.com.au

Fri 3rd July Janette Geri & Bhan Tre www.myspace.com/janettegeri and www.bhantre.com

Fri 17th July Stiletto Sisters (www.stilettosisters.com)

Fri 28th August Brent Parlane Band (www.facebook.com/brent.parlane)

Fri 11th Sept Saoirse www.saoirse.com

Fri 9th Oct Lloyd Spiegel www.lloydspiegel.com

Fri 23 Oct Cloudstreet www.cloudstreet.org

Fri 13th Nov Jugularity www.facebook.com/jugularity

Fri 11 Dec Folkus

Doors Open at 7.30pm Show Starts at 8.00pm

For bookings/enquires or to be added to the mailing list contact Cliff Ellery tel 03 9690 1233 or email taxman@bigpond.net.au

For latest details on APYC concerts visit our website at: www.albertparkportlounge.com

Call for Bar Staff

As we have an increased number of Music Functions this year we need more APYC members to assist us to staff at these events. The club will pay for you to do a responsible serving of alcohol course and you will be trained to use the bar. You even get paid for the night.

Let me know if you are interested. It is a fun thing to do on a Friday night.



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Galley

If anyone would like to volunteer their time for a Saturday and assist with organising lunches for members you are more than welcome. If you are sailing, galley duty finished in time for you to rig the boat and get ready for sailing.

Phone Jackie
on 0419 187 140
to try your hand in the galley




APYC Duty Roster and Calendar

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








- Indicates APYC Start Boat

Date	Event	Start	Race Off.	Duty Off.	Resc. 1	Crew	Resc. 2	Crew
Sat 30 May	Winter Handicap Heat 3 - 14:00		Peter Naismith	Les Wood Gerd Beier	Ross Mulcahy	Heather Dixon	Danny Marrinon	Brian Taylor
Sat 6 Jun	Queen's B-Day Weekend No racing at APYC		Queens Birthday Weekend					
Sat 13 Jun	Winter Championship Heat 3 - 14:00		Paul Taig	David Hunt, Rob Allen, Peter Game	Philip Cook	Richard Darby	Patrick Meehan	Anne- Maree Meehan
Sat 20 Jun	ASC Regatta All racing at ASC				Brian Jones	Simon Monard	David Emery	David McMillan

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 27 Jun	Winter Handicap Heat 3 - 14:00		Jon Pulham	Geoff Kirkham Peter Whitaker	Sue O'Mahony	John Dixon	Pat O'Mahony	Tonia Chapman
Sun 28 Jun	Sunday Social Sailing		SUNDAY SOCIAL SAILING					
Sat 4 July	Winter Championship Heat 4 - 14:00		Peter Naismith	Paul Taig Les Wood	Graeme Silver	Darryl Larcombe	Rob Pulham	Peter Fuller
Sat 11	APYC Winter Sail Regatta		APYC Winter Sail					
Sat 18 July	Winter Handicap Heat 5 - 14:00		Ron Parker	Sue Curlis-Smith Robyn Primrose	William Cook	Zoe Baranowski	Graeme Cox	Harry Cox
Sat 25 July	Winter Championship Heat 5 - 14:00		Mike Howell	Les Wood, Peter	Ray Wines	Chris Markiewicz	Danny Marrinon	Ian Kirkham
Sun 26 July	Sunday Social Sailing		SUNDAY SOCIAL SAILING					
Sat 1 Aug	Winter Handicap Heat 6 - 14:00		Colin Randall	Jon Pulham David	Jenny Dixon	Liza Taylor	Ross Mulcahy	Tonia Chapman
Sat 8 Aug	Melbourne Mid-Winter Teams Racing		TBD	TBD	Graeme Silver	Simone Hoey	Philip Cook	David McMillan
Sat 15 Aug	Winter Championship Heat 6 - 14:00		Ron Parker	Rob Allen, Peter Game	David Emery	Brian Taylor	John Dixon	Heather Dixon
Sat 22 Aug	Winter Handicap Heat 7 - 14:00		Chris Davey	Brian Jones Peter Whitaker	Sue O'Mahony	Paul Richards	Pat O'Mahony	Lisa Taig
Sun 23 Aug	Sunday Social Sailing		SUNDAY SOCIAL SAILING					

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 says so