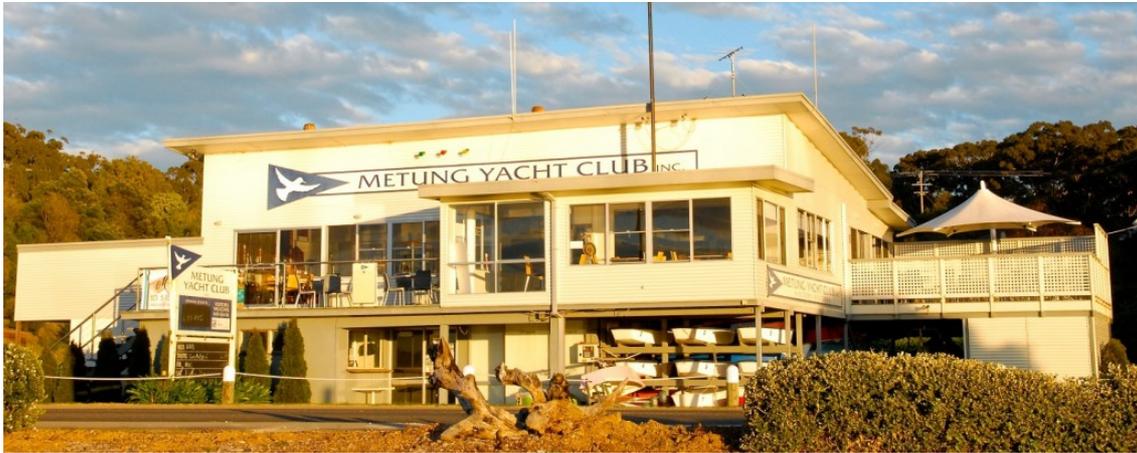




TELLTALES

Newsletter of The Metung Yacht Club Inc



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What's on at the Club

Wednesdays - Bar opens 4.30 pm

Thursdays - Bar opens 4.30 pm / Sails @ myc Restaurant open for dinner at 6 pm (Catering by Bancroft Bites, to book call 5156 2315 and talk to Belinda or leave a message so she can call back).

Fridays - Bar opens 4.30 pm

Saturdays - Bar opens 4.30 pm

Sundays - Bar Opens 4.30 pm (Sunday sippers with the Member Draw. Remember you have to be a financial member and be there to win it).

Saturday 15th September - *Race Management Training* (A one-day seminar on race management at GLYC in Paynesville. *Help build your your own knowledge and the Club's volunteer race management capacity, see below*)

Saturday 22nd September - *Sail Coaching Clinic* 9 am (Get ready for the season and learn how to tune your boat. See below)

Sunday 23rd September - *Courageous Rex* 1.55 pm (the first of the Classic Wooden Boat events for the season graces Bancroft Bay)

Saturday 6th Oct - *Commodore's Cup*, Club start at 10.25 am (Official opening of the Club's 2018-19 sailing season. Join the Club for some relaxed racing, river cruising and lunch on the Tambo River at Johnsonville)

Wednesday 24th Oct - *Twilight Sailing* starts 6 pm (For new sailors, social sailors)

METUNG II NEEDS YOUR HELP



VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY REQUIRED NOW. Metung II is on the slips at Bullock Island in Lakes Entrance and requires work this week.

The Main jobs are anti-fouling, sanding the hull and painting. No experience required. Bring old clothes and sanders if you have them. Some hi-vis vests are available but bring one if you have one. Rollers and paint supplied.

Contact Max Young on 0408 320 743. Even a few hours would help your Club"



We can't leave it all to Max and Damien - They need your help.

MEMBER NEWS

has advised that Sean & Berner Russen are approaching Broome having driven all the way from Metung. Well Done.

SAILING CALENDAR 2018-19

There is still a little polishing to do but the substance is here to give you a heads up on the racing, sailing & cruising program for the year ahead.

This includes:

- * Club Championship handicap racing
- * Classic Wooden Boats racing on Bancroft Bay
- * One design, Dragon and Eastern region Regattas
- * Juniors Cadet training, racing and Easter Regatta
- * Social day outing on the water & overnight cruising.

[Click here](#) for the complete program

[Click here](#) for the Notice of Race

In addition work is underway to introduce 2 other activities:

- * Women's sailing and on water activities (by women for women)
- * Tuesday Cruising (day or overnight cruising for all boats, motor or sail, just for fun)

If either of these activities might be for you please let your editor know so your interest can be passed on to the relevant coordinator. (0418 343 134 or s.t.owens@bigpond.com)

REMEMBERING THE 2017-18 SEASON





The picture above remind us of the very successful 2017-18 season. Elusive in The Club Championship, Harry Pearce's success in the juniors, Sorrento in The Scarborough Cup (CWB), The Prince Phillip Cup (national dragon championships) and the Cadet Nationals.

[Click here](#) for an article of interest on the Prince Phillip Cup.

Help Your Club - Do the Race Management Course

A one-day seminar on race management will be held at G.L.Y.C. on Saturday 15th September.

Help your Club and participate. [Click here](#) for details

The Sail Coaching Clinic - Saturday 22nd September

Get ready for the season and learn how to tune your boat. For details [click here](#)

For useful resources [click here](#) and [here](#).

There are still a number of members who have not paid their renewal fees for 2018-19. These were due by July 31st and reminder invoices have recently been emailed. Be fair to your fellow members and renew now or risk having your member discount discontinued after the 30th of September.

The Commodore's Cup - Fun, social & enjoyable



Join us in the Commodore's Cup to help open the season with some relaxed racing, river cruising and BBQ lunch on the Tambo River.

For yachts its a Club start at 10.25 am but its the power boats that are likely to get to Johnsonville first for the prime spots at the BBQ.

Of course if you prefer you can join the celebrations by car but whether its motor boat, yacht or car just come.

MY BOAT - ELUSIVE (but whose boat)

Etchell "Elusive" Hull number 908 (pictured earlier) was built in January 1992 by Bashford in Nowra NSW. Bashford was the 3rd builder to hold the license to build Etchells in Australia under strict one design international guidelines. The Etchell Class is acknowledged worldwide for its strict rules and one of the most competitive fleets where the best of the best compete. Legends like Dennis Conner, Ken Read, John Bertrand, and Sir Russel Coutts to name a few, and even those guys could not dominate the class. Bashford had previously built the International J24 and had a worldwide reputation of producing a fast product. In saying that they were light, fragile and tendered to require more maintenance than most.

Elusive was built for Alan Ramadan who at the time was a Director of a company called "Fluid Thinking". Fluid thinking was the actually a design company set up specifically to design Australian Americas cup yachts for the 1995 Americas Cup Challenge in San Diego California USA. They designed both One Australia (2boats skippered John Bertrand) and Sydney 95 (owned by Syd Fisher). Elusive was built at the same time as John Bertrand's Magpie. Magpie has since gone onto win several State, National and was 2nd in the World Championships. Both

Bashford Boats that started at AUS 880 through to AUS 960 proved to be exceptional and to this day are still sort after. They have also been the making of some controversy within the Etchell Fleet for their pushing some rules to the limits. Because of this a number of class rules have been tightened that means in effect you could not build an Etchell to the same dimensions today. So as not to disqualify the Bashford boats completely, all of the existing Bashford Etchells have been put under a Grandfather Clause so as to allow them to compete to World Championship level.

Elusive was very successful in her first few years winning many races at Royal Brighton Yacht Club skippered by Noel (NITRO) Drennan. In 1994 Elusive was 4th in the Etchell National Titles won by Barny Walker, followed by the famous Americas Cup skippers Dennis Conner who finished 2nd, and John Bertrand finishing 3rd. Elusive was skippered by Noel Drennan with Alan Ramadan and Jeff Rose as crew. Only 3 point at the finish separated Conner, Bertrand and Drennan.

Elusive was sold in 1995 to Eric who owned Tag Hower watch franchiser and renamed TAG Team. Unfortunately what her history was in that time is unclear. However Peter Wilkson from Metung/Brighton skippered her much of that time and may be able to shed some light on that.

Around 2004 TAG Team (Elusive) was sold to Geoffrey (Tuna) Smith and renamed A Team due to sponsor ship rules. In that time Geoffrey owned it, she went on to win 3 East Gippsland Ethells Championships and was chartered by Alan Sandy from Metung and participated in the 2009 World championships at Brighton.

In 2013 Jeff Rose purchased A Team from Geoffrey (Tuna) Smith and returned her name to ELUSIVE. Since then Elusive has won the East Gippsland championship twice and finished 2nd on two other occasions. Elusive also won the Metung Yacht Club Championship in 2018, and MYRC Championship in 2016, 2017 and 2018.

Elusive is now owned by Fred Van de Velde and will compete in the upcoming Metung Yacht Club season crewed by Ken Barlow.

Contributions to Telldales

Members are encouraged to submit short articles of interest and photographs to be used in future issues to s.t.owens@bigpond.com. These could be historical, stories about members, descriptions of members boats, notices of planned events and Club activities, Club history, yachting events etc.

Useful Links

Membership Survey Report [click here](#)

NEW Club & Committee contacts [click here](#)

Draft Strategic Plan [click here](#)

Metung Marina revised fees [Shire website](#).

Membership Application Form [click here](#)



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