TELLTALES

Newsletter of The Metung Yacht Club Inc
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WHATS ON AT THE CLUB

Wednesdays to Sundays - Bar opens at 4.30 pm (remember that your membership BAR CREDITS expire on June 30th so redeem them using your membership card next time you visit)
Thursdays 6.00 pm - See our "weekly events" email for information on when our Sails@MYC restaurant is open or phone 5156 2315. NOTE it will be open this Thursday April 11th.

Saturday 13th April – BETTY DACK LADY SKIPPERS RACE – 1055 hrs (previously postponed, due to lack of wind)
Saturday 13th April – THE SOU WESTER TROPHY HEAT 3 - 1355 hrs (this is the last race of the Club Championship Series, (and was deferred from April 6th to enable Ht2 to be run).

Sunday 14th April – CWB CALYPSO TROPHY - 1355 hrs (this is Heat 8 of the Scarborough Cup Series)
Sunday 14th April – JUNIOR SQUAD SAILING, 11am as normal at the Clubhouse.

more details.
Friday at 6 pm - a HISTORY NIGHT to help capture our past (see below)
Saturday - the DAVID & JAMES BYRNE RACE -1055 hrs, (previously postponed due to the weather).
Saturday - The AB PERKINS RACE - Back to Back with the D&J Byrne (previously postponed so that the Perkins family could be present).
Saturday around 3 pm - The WORLDS BEST BBQ will be generously hosted by Peter Kanat at his home on the Island. All MYC members and family are welcome. Bring your own drinks.
Sunday - THE CWB ENDEAVOUR TROPHY – 1255 hrs (Heat 4 of the Scarborough Cup Series which was postponed due to weather)
Sunday - CWB PEARL TROPHY – Back to Back after the Endeavour Trophy, (this Heat 7 of the Scarborough Cup Series which was postponed).

Sunday 28th April - JUNIOR SQUAD police boat visit (11am)
Saturday 4th May - Our PRESENTATION NIGHT for Junior and Senior sailors.
Saturday 18th & Sunday 19th May - JUNIOR SQUAD Overnight Sailing Camp on the Island

COMMODORE'S COLUMN

As we move towards the end of the sailing season and Easter the Club looks forward to welcoming our friends and juniors from Sandringham Yacht Club. This will be the 58th Year that the Regatta has been held and emphasises the strong link between both Clubs. Our juniors look forward to renewing old friendships and making new ones.

A General Meeting was held for the benefit of members on Friday 29 March to provide information on a wide range of matters. Some 26 members attended. Matters addressed included sailing, the restaurant, membership, finances, house and junior sailing. A full account can be found elsewhere in Telltales.

Of particular relevance was progress that is being made towards installing an Acorn lift to the front stairs. We hope this can be done in the next few weeks and will be funded from money donated to the 'lift project' over the last few years and returned to the Club when that larger project was abandoned.

On the financial side the club is travelling well given the lost opportunity over Xmas to extend trading given reduced services from our then caterer. The Treasurer expects that we should break even this year or have a slight loss. Trading over the next few months will determine the outcome.

Martin Bryan has kindly offered to lead the motorboat activities of the Club. He is an experienced 'boatie' and owns a number of wooden boats including a beautiful launch called Viking. Watch this space for information on planned social activities directed towards members with motor boats or others interested in cruising. Martin has also purchased a rubber ducky from Sorrento Yacht Club and has offered it to the Club to assist with race support and the juniors when needed.

Many thanks Martin for your generosity.

Optis.

Finally, I am looking for some volunteers to re-deck in plywood a Flying Fifteen which has been donated to the Club by Bill Newcomen. Some carpentry skills would be helpful. I will fit it out. The plan is to have it available for the adult learn to sail program including "Girls Go Sailing" as well as for older junior sailors. This would bring the number of Flying Fifteens in the Club to four.

Yours in sailing

Peter Harvey

Commodore

MEMBER & CLUB NEWS

NEW MEMBERS

The following new members have joined our Club since our last edition:

Ordinary (single) members - Richard Smith

Family members - Peter & Julie Adrichem

Juniors - Isabella Hill, Hudson Hill, Heidi McInness and Reuben McInness

Please make them all welcome at our Club.

CLUB NEWS

Talk about falling on your feet - Club member Steve Richardson is currently sailing as part of the crew on "Miss Tiggy", a 57.6 ft Oyster 575. See SAILING THE GULF below for more details.

MYC SAILING NEWS & RESULTS

MYC HALL OF FAME INAUGURAL INDUCTEE

On the 4th May this year at its Presentation Night, Metung Yacht Club will induct Stephen Bull as its Inaugural Inductee. Boats Steve's has sailed on include Ballyhoo (see left), Bumblebee 4. Kialoa 4, Kialoa 3, Bondi Tram, Australia and Challenge 12. His achievements include:- • Line honours Sydney Hobart race, Line honours Fastnet race, World Ocena Racing Champion, 1981 Admirals Cup Team and crewing on Americas Cup challengers.

CLICK HERE for further information in the Press Release.

RACE RESULTS

Mar 2nd 2019 - P B Lawrence Heat 1 (CCH Ht 8) - 1st Elusive (Fred Van de Velde), 2nd Compass

Brennan), 3rd Pearl (Ken Barlow).

Mar 2nd 2019 - P B Lawrence Heat 2 (CCH Ht 9) - 1st Flying High (Peter Harvey), 2nd St George (Rob Trenberth), 3rd Elusive (Fred Van de Velde).

Mar 9th to 11th - Dragon State Titles, see below in Dragon Dispatches.

Mar 16th 2019 - P B Lawrence Heat 3 (CCH Ht 10) - Ist Brogans Way (Simon Bazley), 2nd Flying High (Peter Harvey), 3rd Harmony (Tom Moore).

Mar 23rd 2019 - Club Managers Trophy re-sail (Crew Skippers) - 1st Elusive (Fred Van de Velde), 2nd St George (Rob Trenberth), remainder of fleet retired.

Mar 23rd 2019 - Betty Dack re-sail (Lady Skippers) - Postponed due to lack of wind

Mar 30th 2019 - Sou Wester Trophy Heat 2 (CCH Ht 11) - Postponed

Mar 31st 2019 - Scarborough Cup Heat 7, Pearl (switched with Calypso) - Postponed due to weather

REVISED SAILING CALENDAR

The sailing calendar for the remainder of the season has been updated to take account of re-sails of postponed races. CLICK HERE to download a copy of the revised calendar.

CLASSIC WOODEN BOATS

COUTA BOAT INVITATION

The Metung Yacht Club has invited Couta boat owners to participate in a regatta to be held on the long weekend of 7-9 March 2020 The sailing could be conducted on Lake King, Bancroft Bay and Reeves Channel on the Gippsland Lakes.

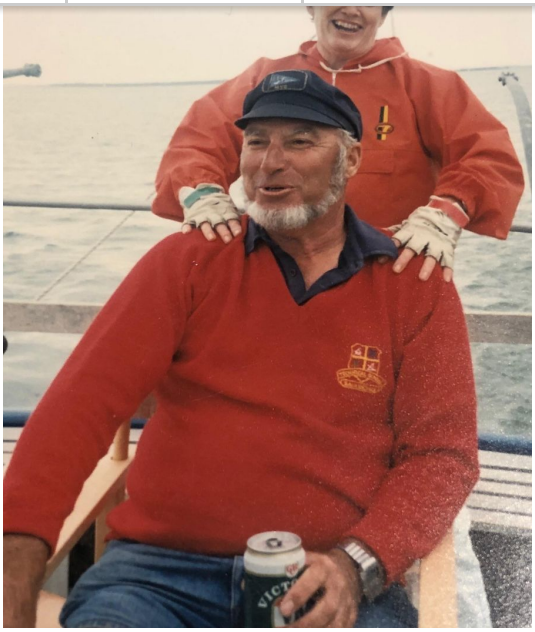
Initial discussions would suggest maximising the trip by including the Paynesville Classic Boat Rally which will be held from the 29 February - 1 March 2020.

WHAT TROPHY IS THAT?

THE BETTY DACK LADY SKIPPERS RACE

The Betty Dack lady skippers race is this Saturday at 1355. It was renamed after Betty in 2014 to celebrate her contribution to the Club and to Yachting. The trophy is an important part of the Clubs history so please come along, find a boat and keep the spirit of women's sailing going into the future.

Betty and Bob sailed together for over forty years. Bob relates how he was planning to go sailing and Betty promptly took herself off to learn about navigation. Bob was not going to



and was inducted as a "Local Hero" by Yachting Australia.

The top photo was taken on their beloved "Spray" in the early eighties which was purchased at Betty's suggestion and sailed by them on the Lakes for 11 years under charter. Betty passed away in August 2014 and the plaque on Saving Point, pictured opposite, remembers her.

The links that follow provide access to articles describing Betty's amazing life in more detail. YA Local Heroes / Newspaper Article Part 1 / Part 2 / MYC Letter confirming the naming of the race.

DRAGON DISPATCHES

DRAGON STATE TITLES HELD IN METUNG

Over the Labour Day Long Weekend, Metung Yacht Club hosted the Dragon State Championships, the JJ Savage Trophy, MYC's own Charles Stephenson trophy and the John Cuneo trophy for Classic Dragons (an initiative of Terry Grundy). Metung Yacht Club has earned the right to hold this event every 2 years alternating with Brighton

This year the State Championships was to be sailed over a series of 7 races on Saturday 9 and Sunday 10 March 2019. These were Windward / Leeward races sailed back to back with onyl 4 being sailed due to weather conditions.

The results were -

JJ Savage Trophy (State Championship) - 1st Sidewinder (Jeff Rose). 2nd Imagination (Damien Daniels) and 3rd Ghost (Matt Johnson)

John Cuneo Trophy (Classic Wooden Boat Division) -1st Ghost (Matt Johnson), 2nd Sea Joy

Tarakona (Hugh Howard) and 3rd (Mirum (Jeremy Nolan).

TASMANIAN DRAGON CHAMPIONSHIPS

We have two crews sailing in the Tasmanian Dragon Class Championships next weekend in Hobart at RYCT. Jeff Rose, Fred Haes and Damien Daniel are sailing Riga and I will be sailing Allegra with Zane Ridgeway and Bentley Conn. I am also working up a challenge for the Sayonara Cup, a match racing series in Dragons currently held by RSYS. More about that later.

DRAGON STATES

Main picture - Rob Trenberth making sure St George's mast is still upright in preparation for the beginning of racing (top). Top left - Two of the fleet. Top right - Second in the Championship on Imagination, Bentley Conn, Fred Haes and Damien Daniels (Skipper). Bottom right - State Champions in Sidewinder, Richard Smith, Jeff Rose (Skipper) and Brandon Kibby. Bottom left - John Cuneo Trophy winners and 3rd in the Championship, Luke Johnson, Matt Johnson (Skipper) and Harry Johnson.

JUNIOR SQUAD REPORT

Welcome to Callum and Connor, our newest Junior Sailing Members who along with parents Bec and Brendan moved to Metung earlier this year. Callum and Connor have taken to sailing and are keen to learn and help out, thanks boys!

We have decided to keep sailing over the April School Holidays while the weather is still nice so hopefully we have lots of juniors still around and keen to come along. Everyone has improved and it is fantastic to watch the younger & new kids grow in confidence! We need to get some more practice in before the Easter Regatta at the end of School Holidays. We are so pleased that we have lots of kids wanting to participate in this years Easter Regatta, it will be great fun and they will no doubt form some good friendships with the Sandringham kids and families. The Friday night BBQ at the CFA Shed and the Sunday Presentation Night are always fantastic nights where the kids & adults can mingle and get to know each other.
CLICK HERE to download a detailed Easter Program

We have also decided to continue Junior Squad over the Winter months. Not every weekend, but we would like to continue to teach the kids & keep them together with some different fun days planned (eg Mountain Biking).

Some other events that we have planned for during the next two months are a visit from the big Paynesville Water Police Boat and Bairnsdale Highway Patrol Car for a tour and talk on Sunday 28th April (11am). They will give the kids a tour & talk about responsible boat handling, boat safety etc. Officers will also show kids the car & talk to them about making good life choices etc & have

Also planned is an Overnight Sailing Camp on the Island (Sat 18 -Sun 19 May) which should be lots of fun - Sail to the island. Set up camp, have a campfire, night walk, and perhaps golf, mountain bike ride, bush walk, games.etc.

Our Junior Sailors will be presenting a wreath at the Anzac Day Service here in Metung, continuing our association with the Metung RSL.

Of course our MYC Senior/Junior Presentation night on the 4th May will be another fantastic night for all of our members to get together and celebrate our sailing!

Other great news is that the Club has recently purchased the International Cadet 'Fear This' to add to the fleet (see Shipping News below). This means that Sabrina Murphy and Juliette (Juggie) Hart can have fun learning to sail the cadet after getting too good sailing the Opti! Thanks to Maddy for coaching the girls, it is fantastic to have our 'Senior' junior passing on her knowledge and expertise!

BELOW: A recent outing and a sailing quiz session during bad weather.

THE LAST TWILIGHT SAILING - Or was it?

The last scheduled Twilight Sailing for the season was held on March 27th. Having worked hard on its handicap all season and with the aid of a real breeze, 2 new helmsmen and a minor miracle, Moontide was first home (photo shows the crew with Gai Clough all showing disbelief at the result).

The post race debrief in the bar led to the realisation that the following Wednesday still had the advantage of daylight saving. A Bonus Twilight was therefore run on April 3rd in a real drifter. All the money was on Lesley in Blade Runner to take the honours but the Brogan boys managed to pip her at the post. Well done all to get 6 boats out at short notice.

MYC MOTOR BOAT GROUP

The Club has been looking for some time for a person or persons to lead and develop motor boat and cruising activities for the Club .
This need was highlighted in both the Members Survey and the Strategic Plan development.
As mentioned in the Commodore's Column above, Martin Bryan who recently joined the Club has kindly offered to take this on. He has a past association with Metung and is in the process of relocating here.with his partner Olivia. Their Lacco launch Viking is pictured opposite.
Could motor boat owners and other members who would like to participate in such activities please respond to metungyachtclub.membership@gmail.com to register their interest so that Martin can get started identifying what sort of activities might interest members.

SAILING THE GULF - Steve Richardson

Steve has really hit the big time. Having benefited from Bill Newcomen's sail training, MYC Etchells racing and The Phuket Race Week where he met James Nathan owner and skipper of "Miss Tiggy", a magnificent 17.3m Oyster 575 . James invited Steve to join the crew for the passage from the Maldives through the High Risk Zone of the Northern Indian Ocean, the Gulf of Aden and into the Red Sea past Somalia and eventually to Port Ghalib, Egypt.

On board is also a 3rd crew member, Calum and 2 Polish armed guards who travel with the boat through the High Risk area. .

CLICK HERE to read Steve's Log on his adventures so far

OUR VOLUNTEERS - Hallelujah, A Telltales Angel

Our prayers have been answered. Bev Winter has offered her many skills to help with the writing and production of our monthly "Telltales" eNewsletter.
Could all contributors please now copy in Bev at metungyachtclub.telltales@gmail.com on all contributions normally sent to Tony Owens. It is anticipated that there will be a transition period over the next couple of issues after which Bev should be the primary contact

HELP STILL NEEDED TO KEEP THE WEEKLY UPDATE GOING
Volunteer help is still needed with our weekly email update - "The Weeks Events" . This is our key method of updating members on information on and changes to Club activities. The work is all carried out online so a members home location is not an impediment.
If you think you could help please call Tony Owens on 0418 343 134.

All members are encouraged to submit short articles of interest and photographs to be used in future issues to s.t.owens@bigpond .com and metungyachtclub.telltales@gmail.com. These

CLUB HISTORY NIGHT

EASTER FRIDAY HISTORY NIGHT - This will be held at the Yacht Club at 6 pm. We are seeking to update our history archives and put on show as many pictures as we can of the life of the Yacht Club and boating in the area. Obviously there will also be a number of good stories to be told. Please bring your photos, newspaper articles, old programs, old copies of Tell Tales etc.with you. We will scan photos and documents on the night or alternatively send them to jeff.rose1362@outlook.com before hand so they can be displayed on the TV screen.

EVENTS & SOCIAL

THE BREAKFAST CREW

Rob Innes, Ken Barlow and Dick Whitaker (Right) cooking up a storm in the early hours while Kerrie Unsworth (Left) ensured the maximum benefit was extracted from all Dragon & 14ft Skiff patrons over the weekend. Fantastic work by all our volunteers resulted in 50 breakfasts and over 80 hamburgers being served over 2 days.

PRESENTATIONS

Below - The crowd at the Dragon presentations. Bottom left and right show Paul Germano, Terry Grundy and Merrill Frew trying the new economy size beers for those on a budget.

GENERAL MEETING OF MEMBERS - March 29th

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As discussed in the Commodore's Column above, a General Meeting of Members was held to bring members up to date with the status of the Club and key initiatives. The holding of such meetings to improve member communications was one of the key recommendations from last year's Membership Survey and is incorporated into the Club's Strategic Plan.

Reports were presented by the Commodore, Vice Commodore (in absentia) and Treasurer plus reports on House activities, Membership, the Constitution and the Strategic Plan, Shire lease negotiations and the Acorn Chairlift project. They and the Minutes of the Meeting can be accessed using the links below:

Minutes / Commodore's Report / Vice-Commodore's Report / Treasurer's Report / House Report / Membership,Constitution & Strategic Plan

SHIPPING NEWS

International Cadet "Without Fear" is the newest Club boat having been purchased for the Hack family to expand the sailing opportunities for our Junior Squad.. This was boat was sailed by Maddy Hack for many years and Maddy is now coaching its new crew.

BECOMING A MYC MEMBER

explanation of the processes is available through the following link. Click Here. If you have any queries call our Membership Coordinator, Toy Owens on 0418 343 134

SAILING REQUIREMENTS

SKIPPERS PLEASE NOTE,
SAFETY IS AN ISSUE THAT IS OF UTMOST IMPORTANCE TO ALL.
Listed below are the policies rules and protocol available to all

- Notice of race
- Sailing Instructions
- Racing Rules of Sailing (until recently known as the blue book)
- Sailing instructions

21 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 21.2 Boats shall keep a listening watch on VHF channel 72 for communication from the race committee
- It is policy for all boats to do a radio check pre start.
- Radios must be accessible at all times. If it is a fixed radio ensure there is a speaker in the cockpit

All of above as well as Cat 7 check list and our course boat with skilled operators are in place to keep us safe and encourage fair play and sportsmanship.
It is all simplistic if you follow the procedures and the rules

PROTESTS
A Protocol has been written up to be published on notice board
Do not shy away from protests “learn the procedure”

SPOT CHECKS
Saturday April 6th, there will be spot checks. Boats will be notified at sign on. Minimum of two.

EASTER
Very busy schedule for everyone, including PK’s BBQ on Saturday 20th at !500, as well as a massive weekend for our juniors. I believe it is 58 years, What an achievement for both clubs.

WOMENS SAILING , dates are being revised and information will be published shortly

G.Clough on behalf J.Rose, Vice Commodore

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Looking for accounting or consulting advice? Call Crowe Horwath in Bairnsdale
Need somewhere to store your boat? Call Graeme and Elise Bryan at Metung Marine & Storage

Useful Links

Our New Website click here

Membership Survey Report click here

Draft Strategic Plan click here

Membership Application Form click here

Membership & Sailing Fees descriptions and rates click here

Sailing & Events Calendar (old) click here

Sailing & Events Calendar (updated March 2019) click here

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