



# TELLTALES

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## WHATS ON AT THE CLUB

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Wednesdays to Sundays - Bar opens at 4.30 pm

Wednesday 5.30 - 6.30 - Remember to place your FOOTY TIPS at the club on a Wednesday afternoon. If you can't make it text, phone or email tips to [gail.clough@icloud.com](mailto:gail.clough@icloud.com) 0447 277 283

Thursdays 6.00 pm - Sails@MYC restaurant is currently closed - don't forget the bar is still open.

Saturday 15th June - First race of our Winter Racing Program. Please notify Ken Barlow or Simon Bazeley the day before to confirm your participation

Saturday 31st August - Metung Yacht Club AGM

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## COMMODORE'S COLUMN

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Following the successful Presentation Night I want to thank Aaron Hill of Hills Marine and Leisure in Paynesville for his support in providing numerous vouchers as prizes. Apart from being an Olympic sailor, Aaron can regularly be found supporting junior sailing on Sunday morning. When you need replacement sailing, boating or fishing gear please contact Aaron for his assistance. Thanks also to Rod (Eagle) Edwards for fitting new non slip treads to our front steps to help keep us safe.

As winter takes hold in Metung, the Club continues planning for next year. We have already held a sailing de-brief for last season and the feedback is being put into our sailing activities for next year. A draft calendar has been prepared and is being circulated among the Committee. A significant change is the appointment of two Sailing Captains to assist in evening out the load involved in our sailing activities, namely Ken Barlow and Simon Bazley. This should help Jeff Rose given his busy work load and sailing schedule until Christmas. Members also indicated an interest in trying a fortnightly winter sailing series which will commence on 15 June - see MYC Winter Racing Program below.

Our catering vacancy has been advertised nationally by an agency who will vet expressions of interest as they are received.

Our goods lift has been ordered and should arrive in June ready to be installed after some electrical, carpentry and gas works are completed.

Unfortunately, we have been having phone difficulties since Easter but with the help of the Telecommunications Ombudsman we hope they will be resolved shortly.

Work continues on the new Constitution and By-laws that comply with the model rules for incorporated bodies. Many thanks for the special efforts of Terry Grundy and Tony Owens to advance the project. Others on the Committee have also made worthwhile contributions too. I hope this will be able to be circulated to members before the AGM.

Our efforts to reduce the outrageous rent (\$16000pa) paid to the Shire continues. Our valuer (and one nominated by the Shire) are due to meet in early June to try and negotiate a significant reduction given our 'not for profit' status.

Yours in Sailing

Peter Harvey

Commodore

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## CLUB NEWS

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A DATE TO REMEMBER - This year's AGM is being held on Saturday 31st August

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## MYC WINTER RACING PROGRAM

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- There has been interest from a number of sailing members to run a winter sailing series and this has been sanctioned by the MYC General Committee.
- A Sailing format has been established as per the attached Notice to Competitors with the first race noted as 15<sup>th</sup> June, 2019. Please [CLICK HERE](#) to access the Notice.
- We look forward to a sociable response on the water.
- Skippers, please note the requirement to notify the Sailing Captains on the day before the race to confirm your participation

Ken Barlow and Simon Bazeley  
MYC Sailing Captains

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## DRAGON CLASS NEWS

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- Members from MYC, Fred Haes and Jeff Rose will be sailing Riga, and Terry Grundy and Zane Ridgeway will be sailing Allegra, in the Winter Solstice Dragon Class Regatta to be sailed from Derwent Sailing Squadron in Hobart on 22 and 23 June, 2019.
- Two boats and crew from MYC, Imagination and Adios III, will be sailing in the NSW Dragon Class Championships on 30 November and 1 December, 2019 at Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron, after which the boats will be sailed in the Interport Regatta in Sydney.
- It is expected that there will be two entries from MYC for the Prince Phillip Cup to be held at RYCT in Hobart in January, 2020.

We are awaiting a decision from RSYS about a challenge series for the defence of the Sayonara Cup, the premier match racing series in Australia that has been conducted in the Dragon Class. It is proposed that a challenge be made by a syndicate led by Terry Grundy for the Sayonara Cup as a challenge by RBYC. The Sayonara Cup is restricted to challenges from "Royals Clubs".

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## PHUKET RACE WEEK

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Several members from MYC will be competing in the Phuket race Week Regatta commencing on 17 July at Cape Panwa, Phuket Thailand. We are defending the trophy won for the IRC Cruising Monohull Division in 2018.



Members sailing as crew on BeauX Esprits will be Damien and Tim Daniel, Terry Grundy, Steve Richardson, Merrill Frew and Rob Ware. Other crew members will be joining us from Singapore, USA and New Zealand.

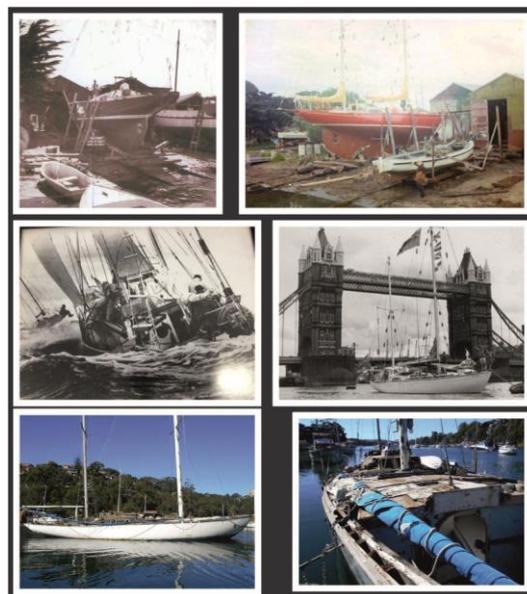
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## COMMUNITY

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### HISTORIC YACHT TO BE RETURNED TO ITS BIRTHPLACE IN METUNG

Built in the Bull's shipyard in Metung in 1952 the 47ft ketch “Metung” was recently discovered in a very poor condition on Sydney harbour. She was advertised on EBay and thanks to the initiative of Dr Ian Seymour and his son Chris a last minute offer was accepted and the boat was purchased for a nominal amount on the 18th March 2019.



As a 17 year old whilst holidaying in Metung Dr Seymour remembered seeing this impressive boat sailing across Bancroft Bay and felt that purchasing Metung was an opportunity to return this beautiful boat to her hometown. His goal was to ensure that this significant part of Metung’s boat building history is retained for future generations.

It is Dr Seymour’s intention that as soon as funds become available his family will pass the boat on to the local committee for future ownership and management.

“Metung” was originally built for well-known Bairnsdale doctor Toby Beatty who wanted a state of the art boat that could compete in the Sydney to Hobart race and also sail internationally. Metung completed at least seven ”Hobarts”, she participated in many coastal and ocean races and in 1972 she circumnavigated the world...

In the days following the purchase a committee of interested locals was organized with view to reestablishing the boat in Metung, raising funds to cover her refurbishment costs and to draw on the wealth of experience amongst local shipwrights to assist with repairs.

Community funding options are currently being explored and includes Go Fund Me as well as direct donations to the bank account to be established when the incorporated body application is processed. [CLICK HERE](#) to donate via the Go Fund Me 'Metung 4 Metung' page.

The ultimate aim of this project is to restore “Metung” both as a functional yacht and as a maritime museum which will belong to the Metung community.

Bill Newcomen

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## JUNIOR SQUAD REPORT

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We have had a break over the past month, (\*some more than others) but endeavour to organise a day for the Juniors to get together soon, so stay tuned.

On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May, Eagle & Kim with Charlie & Lillian – and Peta & Dean with Wayne, Blake & Mackenzie were invited by David Suda to attend the Sandringham Off The Beach Presentation night. It was a fantastic night – ‘Haunted House’ theme, chosen & decorated by the Junior Captain & her family. Great to catch up with the Sandringham Crew and the kids enjoyed hanging out with the friends they made at Easter.

The night was very inspiring, with lots of great awards, and also two fabulous speakers:

Stuart Wallace – 1987 Laser World Champion

James Wierzbowski – Flight Controller & Tactician – China SailGP team. Very inspiring, hailing from Merricks Beach. Check out his profile here <https://sailgp.com/teams/china/jameswierzbowski/> & watch some video footage here <https://sailgp.com/teams/china/> (scroll down for videos – some great crashes)

The next morning we checked out the Sandy Off the Beach rooms and talked to some ladies & gents who just came in from sailing Pacers....

This has led on to enthusiasm for changing our Squad name to the Metung Off The Beach Squad – to incorporate training women, (and men, or youths) to sail (learning on a pacer = much less daunting than on a big boat). We are looking to buy another pacer (which Rob Innes has generously offered to pay half of, thank you Rob), and Andrew Stuart-Murray has also indicated he will buy a pacer for the club (as long as he can sail it! – you are most welcome Andrew – we would love to have you come along and take some learners sailing!) This will give us 3 pacers for the upcoming season. A fantastic incentive to introduce more women to sailing. The ‘Off The Beach’ branding would see more boat types (eg Lasers, Tasers etc) welcome – think of all of the different boats out sailing during the Easter Regatta.

\*Our best wishes go out to Travis Coombes, who just over a week ago had a mountain bike accident, fractured his clavical in 2 places and had surgery. Hope you are healing up OK Trav!



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## OUR CLUB

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Metung Regatta 1946



Did you know Metung Yacht Club was formed in 1934 and originally called the Metung Sailing Club? The first meeting was held in Joe Bull's log cabin. In the early 1940's the Club went in to recession when most members were in the armed services and in 1950 the Regatta Club was founded promoting primarily speed boats. The current MYC site was purchased, and in return for a grant the land was handed to the Crown. With dwindling interest in speed boats, the Regatta Club decided to close and handed the lease and their remaining funds to the reformed Metung Yacht Club. Club rooms were built on the site in 1959.

And now in 2019 we have 308 Adult and 43 Junior members (of which 28 are in the Junior Squad).

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## METUNG HISTORY

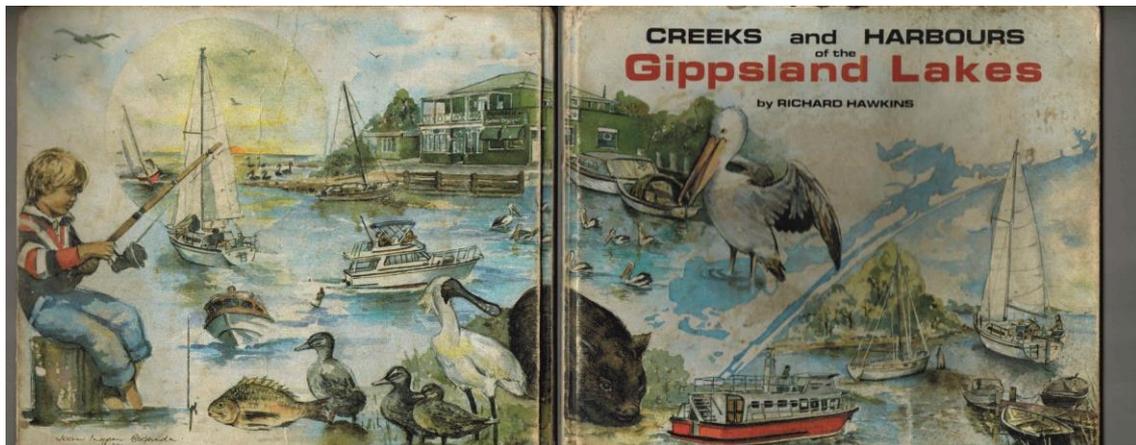
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Published in 1984 Richard Hawkins' definitive cruising guide "Creeks and Harbours of The Gippsland Lakes" was one of a series of three useful guides he produced "for those who go afloat in craft drawing up to three metres whether sailing, fishing or just cruising". The other books cover Port Phillip and Western Port.

All the sketch charts in the books were produced by Richard using soundings and measurements he took afloat. An incredible amount of work and each book is essential reading for those who voyage in these waterways.

The Gippsland Lakes book is now in its sixth edition. The folksy book covers shown opposite are from the original 1984 edition provided by members Jacqui & Keith (Ashy) Ashworth. It was in their Metung house when they moved here.

All three books are now updated and published by Lawling Press For further information [click here](#)



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## BECOMING A MYC MEMBER

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Do you know how to help somebody if they ask you how to become a Club member? An explanation of the processes is available through the following link. [Click Here](#). If you have any queries call our Membership Coordinator, Tony Owens on 0418 343 134 or [metungyachtclub.membership@gmail.com](mailto:metungyachtclub.membership@gmail.com)

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